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BELGRADE PREPARES FOR AIR RAIDS: NAZIS MASSING ON FRONTIER

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, APR. 3 (UP).—RADIO BELGRADE ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED BELGRADE AN OPEN CITY AND THERE WILL BE A BLACK OUT TO-NIGHT WHEN THE SIRENS SOUND. IT IS RUMOURED IN MANY QUARTERS THAT THE GERMANS ARE CONCENTRATING AN AIR FORCE NEAR THE YUGO-SLAV FRONTIER.

200,000 Nazi Troops Massed on Border

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (UP).—Balkan travellers cabled to the "United Press," eyewitness reports that Germany has massed over 200,000 crack troops in Rumania near the Yugo-Slavian frontier. A very reliable eyewitness said that the Nazi forces are concentrated mainly along a 100 mile stretch of the frontier from Timisoara to Turnu-Severin.

MARIBOR AIR RAID ALARM

ZAGREB, Apr. 3 (UP).—The air raid alarm sounded for a few minutes at noon time to-day at Maribor when a foreign fighter plane flew over the town at a very high altitude and disappeared after anti-aircraft guns had opened fire.

NAZIS APPRECIATE SERIOUSNESS

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—An authorised German military source said to-day that the British may have landed a total of 350,000 troops in Greece. He indicated that the High Command appreciated the seriousness of the Balkan outlook. He asserted that Australian and New Zealand troops had taken up positions in north Greece facing the Yugo-Slavian and Bulgarian frontiers.

Nazis May Have To Forfeit Ships

Sabotaging Crewmen On High Bail

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BOSTON, Apr. 4 (UP).—Unusually high bail, totalling \$450,000 has been fixed for five officers and five seamen of the German tanker "Pauline" Frederich, arraigned to-day, but who refused to plead to sabotage charges.

The Federal Attorney, Mr Edmund Brandon said the defendants refused to plead "presumably at the instigation of a representative of a Government of which they are nationals."

Diplomats Involved

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, was asked whether or not Axis diplomats had ordered sabotage on the ships which were seized, and he replied: "the facts speak for themselves." He asserted that all legal aspects regarding the seizures, including the possible forfeiture to the American Government are under study, adding: "If they had not have damaged the ships, the chances are that we would never have taken them over."

Returns From Hunt

CALLAO, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Peruvian cruiser "Grau" returned to-day after hunting for the return of the German freighters "Muenchen," 3,315 tons and "Hermann," 2,810 tons, which were seized and abandoned last Wednesday afternoon at Para. It is rumoured that a Canadian cruiser is in the vicinity.

NEW DELHI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The grand total of the subscriptions to the All-India Defence Loans up to March 29, 1941, was over £40,500,000.

Hungary's New Premier

Dr Laszlo Bardessy Appointed

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Hungarian Premiership, left vacant by the death of Count Paul Teleki, has been offered by Admiral Horthy, the Regent, to Dr Laszlo Bardessy, who has accepted, says a Budapest telegram to the officials German news agency.

Bardessy was the Hungarian Foreign Minister. He is well-known in diplomatic circles in London, where for a number of years he was Counsellor to the Legation and Charge d'Affaires. He left London in 1934 to become Hungarian Minister in Bucharest.

Teleki's Suicide

VICHY, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Count Teleki shot himself through the right temple with a pistol saying: "Budapest dispatch."

Victim of Tripartite Pact

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Count Paul Teleki, the Hungarian Prime Minister, was the first victim of the Tripartite Pact.

He committed suicide because he "could not carry on his difficult and unhappy task," says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent. This burden was entirely due to German pressure on Hungary to break with Yugo-Slavia.

One of Count Teleki's proudest successes was his agreement with Yugo-Slavia, removing the causes of political friction between the two countries and establishing a basis of peaceful collaboration in mutual confidence and economic understanding.

Friendship With Yugo-Slavia

Germany evidently cannot tolerate friendship between her vassal, Hungary, and independent, spirited Yugo-Slavia and Count Teleki, who had shown courage and conscientiousness in administration, felt the struggle between his principles and German

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GESTAPO'S REPRISALS

More Americans In Berlin Arrested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—At least seven, and possibly more, United States citizens were arrested during the night. Nazis admitted the action was "not impossible," a reprisal for the seizure of German ships in United States ports.

The notes intimated that all have been released, some during the late evening and others this morning, after they had been held incommunicado at the Alexander Platz headquarters of the Gestapo.

All seven men have resided in Germany for a considerable time, the majority of them being students, engaged in no gainful occupation.

The Rev. Stewart Herman, Pastor of the American Church in Berlin was also arrested in his apartment Wednesday evening—but was quickly released.

Importance of Dollars To Britain's Cause

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The effect of the Lease and Lend Bill on United Kingdom export policy was dealt with by Captain Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, replying to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

This country, he said, needs a contribution of first-rate importance to our cause. That was one reason why the British Government still regarded it as a necessity for this country to maintain and extend its exports to the United States and continue to give every assistance to that trade. The extent to which this purpose could be achieved of course depended largely on the response of buyers in the United States and he trusted that they would continue to ask for our products.

Experience, he thought, would have demonstrated to them our ability to produce.

Our need for dollars, however, remains very great and anything which adds to our dollar earnings is

77 Survivors Rescued

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SANTA CRUZ, TENERIFFE, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Spanish trans-Atlantic steamer "Cabo Hornos" arrived here to-day from Buenos Aires with 77 members of the crew of the British steamer "Britannia," (8,800 tons), which was sunk by the German armed auxiliary cruiser "Corsair" on March 24, some 700 miles west off Sierra Leone.

The "Britannia" had a crew of 480, including some soldiers and it is feared that they have been lost. Many of them perished in the shark infested waters from shark attacks and exposure, since the men were in life boats and on rafts for five days before they were picked up. The majority of the arrivals have been taken to hospital.

America Requests Recall of Italian Naval Attache From Washington

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The United States Government to-day demanded that the Italian Government withdraw their Naval Attache from Washington as a result of his alleged complicity in the sabotage of Italian ships in United States harbours.

The note sent by Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to Prince Colonna, Italian Ambassador, requested the withdrawal of Admiral Alberto Lais as *persona non grata*.

Mr Hull announced that the President had come to this conclusion and in reply to a question, indicated that the case of German diplomats may be under consideration.

Mr Hull's note said, "various facts and circumstances come to the attention of the United States Government concerning Admiral Lais and the commission of certain persons acts violating the laws of the United States."

Consulates Question

It is noteworthy that no reply has been received by the United States note of March 5 requesting the Italian Government to close the Italian Consulates at Newark and Detroit. "Reuter" says that Mr. Cordell Hull's note demands the immediate recall of Admiral Lais, who is "non persona grata" to this Government as naval attache. His continued presence here would no longer be agreeable to this Government."

British Troops Evacuate Benghazi—Official Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that British troops have evacuated Benghazi, which they captured on February 6.

To-day's General Headquarters communiqué states: "In Libya, our forward troops were withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia. This movement was followed up by enemy mechanised forces."

MATSUOKA TO CONFER WITH HIS ENVOYS

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, is scheduled to arrive here on Friday and will stay in Berlin until Sunday. The most important feature of his stay will be the conference he has called which will be attended by Japanese Ambassadors, Ministers and *Charge d'Affaires* in Europe, with the exception of the Ambassadors to Rome, London and Moscow.

Virtually all of these diplomats are now in Berlin, including the Ambassadors to Vichy and Ankara.

Leaves Rome

ROME, Apr. 3 (UP).—Mr. Matsuoka entrained for Germany at the St Paul station on the outskirts of the city at 10 a.m. and was bidden farewell by Count Ciano as well as Government and diplomatic officials.

Planes Abandoned

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Japanese spokesman indicated that Mr Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, has abandoned his plans to meet Mr Matsuoka at Vichy because the latter's time-table makes it impossible.

Statement Resented

CANBERRA, Apr. 3 (UP).—Representative F. H. Stewart in the House to-day, replying to Mr Matsuoka, declared: "If the statement that Japan will support the Axis under all circumstances is the official view of the Japanese Government, then a disservice has been done to any hopes for an understanding in the Pacific. Australia is resolved and is capable of defending herself."

Matchek Accepts

BELGRADE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Croat Leader, Dr. Vladimir Matchek, has accepted the Vice-Presidency in the new Yugo-Slav Government, it is officially announced.

Dr. Matchek is leaving Zagreb for Belgrade where he will join the Simovitch Cabinet as Vice-Premier, confident that every effort will be made to preserve peace.

In an interview, he said: "I consider it my duty to do all I can to maintain peace—the supreme benefit of humanity—and I have profound conviction that the present leaders of Serbia and the people of Serbia are as sincerely for peace as I am."

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EIREAN SHIPS ATTACKED

By Nazi Planes

DUBLIN, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Eire had suffered from the Nazi attacks on shipping, Mr Eamon de Valera revealed in the Dail to-day.

During the last four weeks, he stated, one Irish vessel had been sunk and three others were attacked. In all cases, the aircraft were identified as German and the Eire *Charge d'Affaires* in Berlin had been instructed to protest and demand compensation.

Asked if he would make immediate and urgent representations to the United States to remove restrictions on United States shipping to Eire, Mr de Valera replied that such representations were made in the early stage of the war unsuccessfully.

They had made offers to purchase United States vessels and had asked the United States authorities to facilitate them in obtaining the necessary licences.

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A further gift of £10,000 from the British communities in China, making a total of £122,000, is acknowledged with grateful thanks by the Minister for Aircraft Production.

SINGAPORE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The latest instalment from the Straits Settlements Bomber Fund this week to the British Treasury of £10,575 makes the total to date £90,000, which is more than sufficient to purchase two squadrons of bombers.

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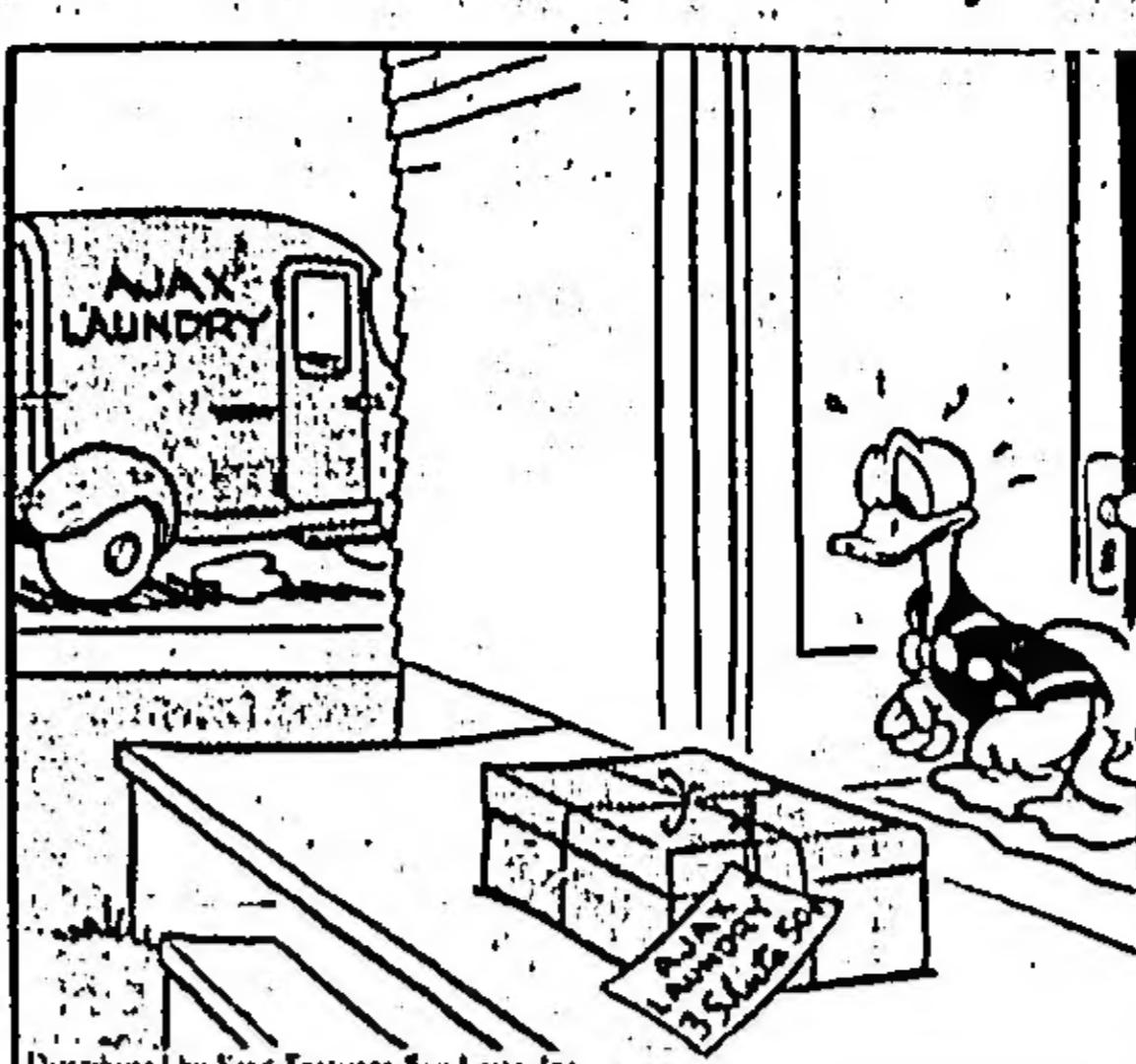
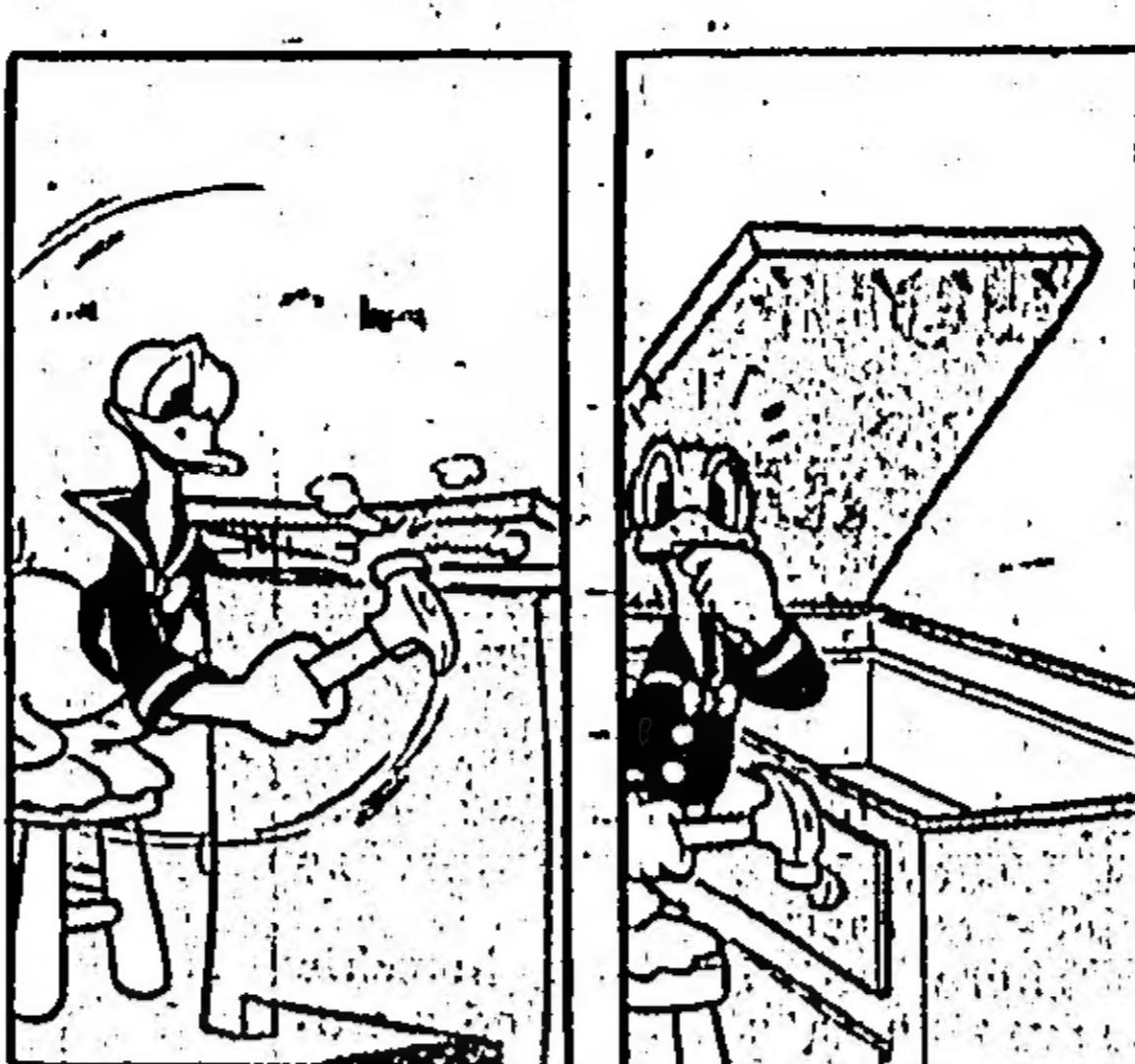
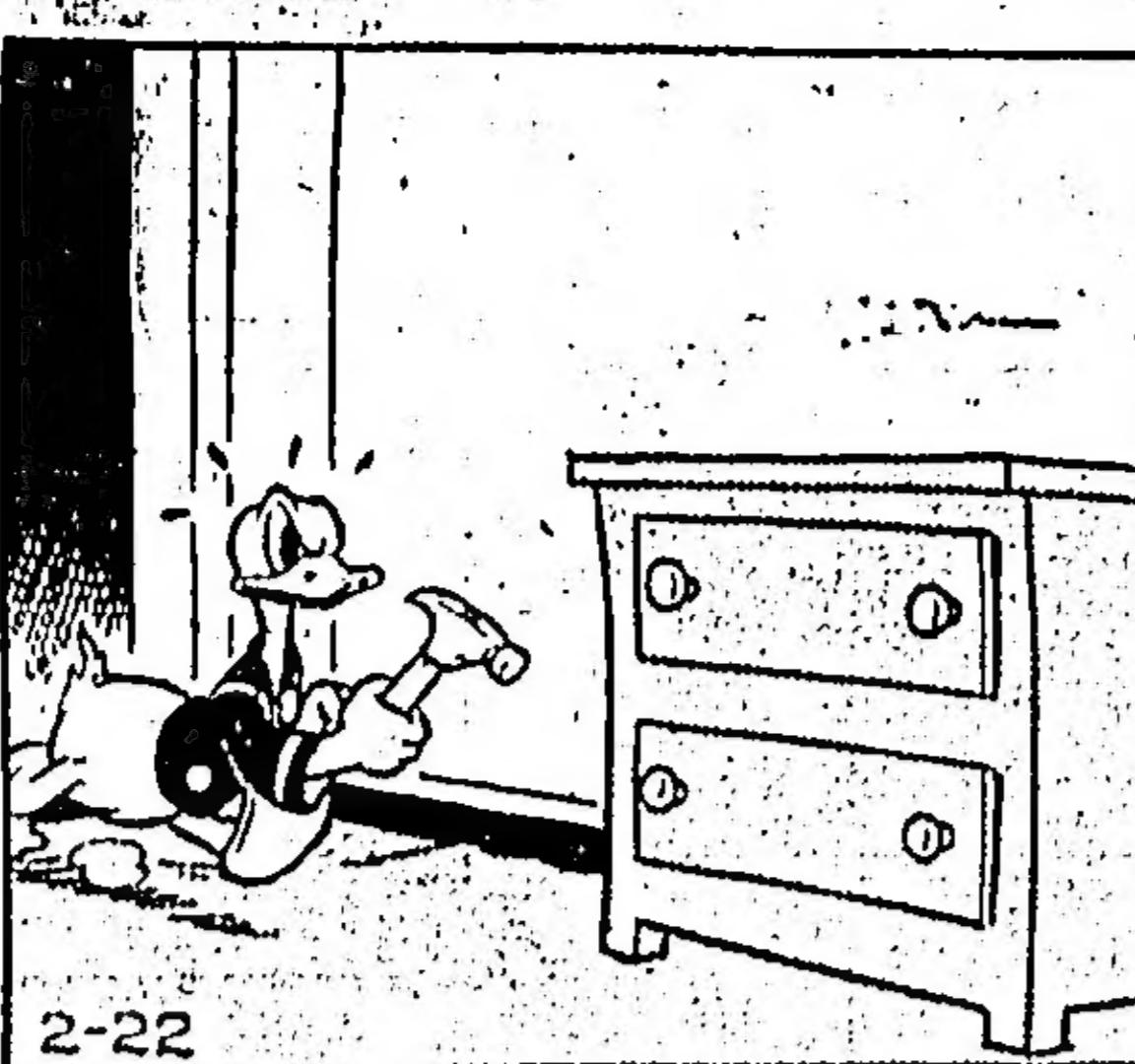
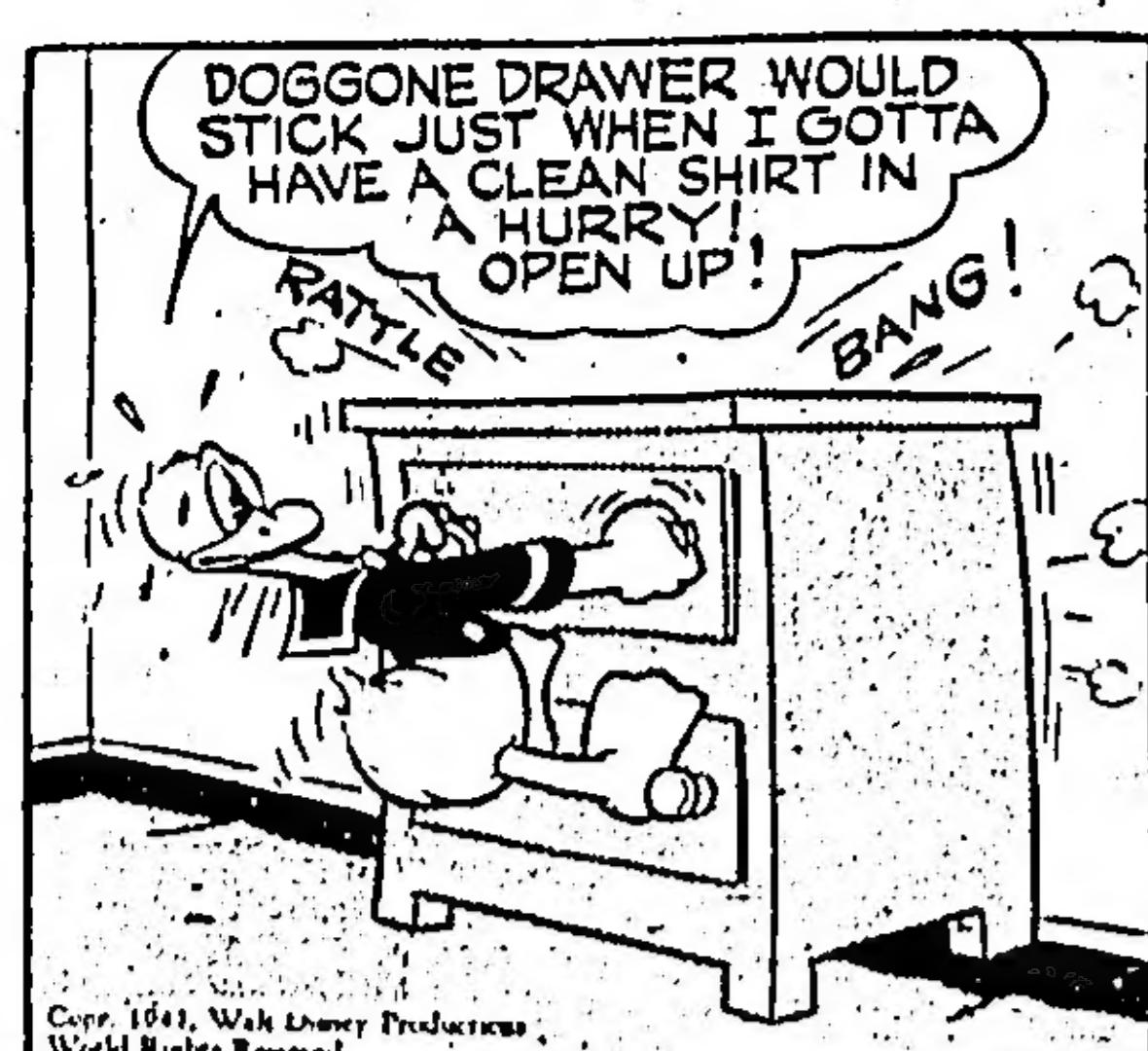
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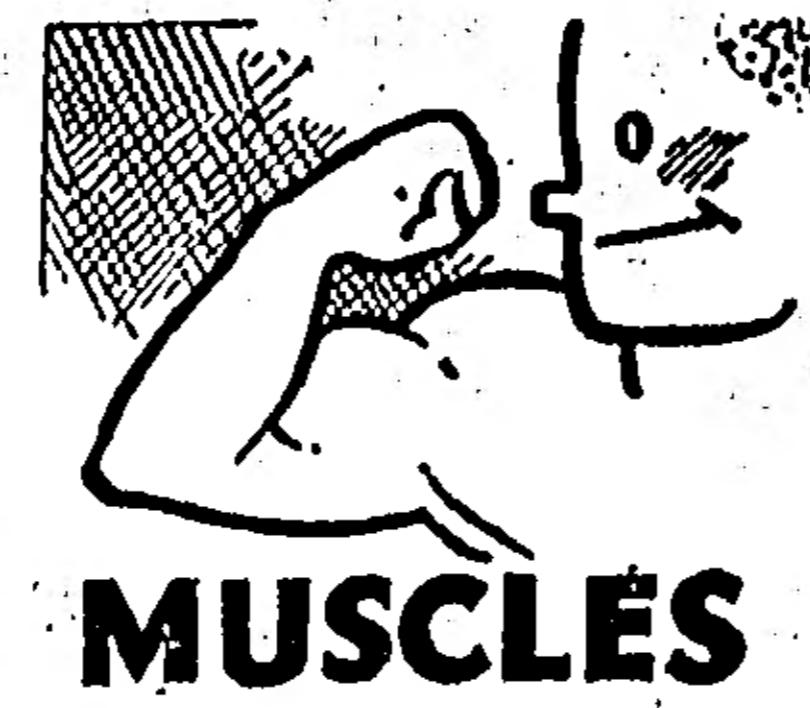
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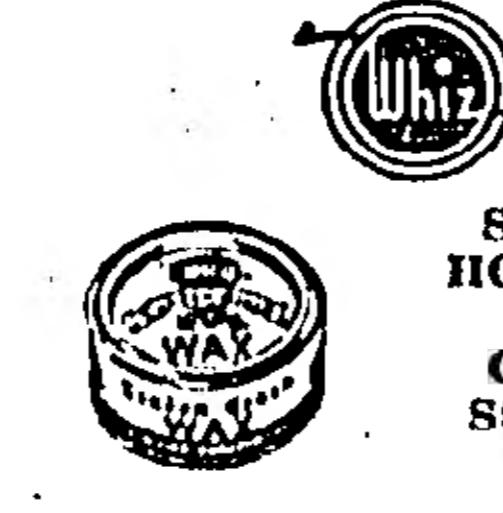
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HITLER AND BALKANS

THE stage is being set for the first military opposition to Hitler in his quest for the "peaceful" subjugation of the whole of southeast Europe. First move was Yugo-Slavia's repudiation of the tri-Power pact signed by her former Premier and Foreign Minister; then followed reported (and not officially denied) reports of the massing of British armed forces on Yugo-Slavia's southern frontier, and simultaneously Yugo-Slavia rushed troops to her Rumanian, Hungarian and Bulgarian borders, while the Nazis proceeded to concentrate armies on the other side of the frontiers. Since then events have been moving inexorably towards a final showdown.

Mussolini, thoroughly alarmed at the prospect of a belligerent Yugo-Slavia, aided by British men and materials, on the opposite side of the Adriatic Sea, has apparently appointed himself mediator between Belgrade and Berlin; Hitler, adopting his now transparent tactics, is filling his newspapers with stories of alleged Yugo-Slav atrocities upon the Germans. Equally significant, though perhaps less obvious in design, is the visit of Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill to Belgrade, and not to be ignored in these political-cum-military manoeuvres was the recent overture by Turkey to Yugo-Slavia indicating willingness to implement an alliance suggested some time ago, but which was then cold-shouldered.

The implication behind all this is that Hitler's days of overrunning the smaller nations by brutal intimidation are ended. He has been brought to a jolting and unexpected full stop in his quest for easy conquest of southeastern Europe. If he wishes to progress any further, he must fight, and it is conceivable, in view of his pronounced plans regarding the battle of the Atlantic, that a war front in the Balkans is the very last thing he desires. The reasons are crystal clear; it would entail the diversion of a not inconsiderable part of his Luftwaffe from their main field of operations—western Europe; it would

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Moustache Parade

Further extract from the
diary of a journalist
turned soldier.

IN this place, men are men.
They have upper lips as
spiky as eacti.

There are soldiers in this
camp who have not kissed a woman
since childhood, for fear of
stabbing her through the cheeks
with the waxed ends of their
stiletto-like moustachios.

There is a tale of a sergeant-major
whose moustache, through thirty-
five years of twisting and waxing,
grew into a kind of horny substance
with which, if enraged, he could rip
people open.

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The man who told me about it is
an old regular soldier. "He used to
sleep wiv 'is old moustache in a
little bag like a 'anmock," he said.
He himself had been trying to
raise a similar proof of virility for
years, but the thin, sandy soil of his
lip yielded nothing but fluff.

We had not been in our new camp
twenty-four hours before the foreign
recruit whom we call Siberia was, as
they say, "Stopped for his mous-
tache."

He affected a row of bristles in the
shape of an eyebrow, which the Lad
from the Elephant and Castle de-
scribed as "Nine 'airs and a nit."

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The Regimental Sergeant Major—
a fatherly kind of man about whom
the most insatiable grouser can find
nothing to say—didn't know what to
call it. He simply said: "Shave this
morning?"

Siberia replied: "Yes, sir."

Then the R.S.M., shaking his head
sadly, said:

"Do something about that mous-
tache, son. Cut it off, or else grow
it. Don't leave it hanging about as
it doesn't know whether it's com-
ing or going."

Siberia said "Yes, sir," and a dark
glint came into his little bright eyes.
Later, he said:

"Cut it off or grow it, eh? Good.
I shall grow it till I make Old Bill
look like a chorus boy."

So he went out and bought a tube
of moustache-pomade, and paced the
hut feeling his lip.

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Next morning, the Kid from
Widnes made a vast commotion over
his shaving. He lathered his pink
face until he was hung with a kind
of Father Christmas beard of white
suds. But he left his upper lip un-
lathered.

He wet his safety-razor, grasped
himself by the left ear, scraped off
scrap, and said "Aha!"

We looked at him. "Mmmmmmm!" he said. "There's nothing
like a shave toiven a man up."

He contorted his face very hideously
and got rid of more suds.

"One day I'll try some of that thur
brushless cream . . . Maybe I'll get
one of them thur cut-throats . . . You get a cleaner shave with one
of them thur cut-throats . . . And a bottle o' that thur lotion to get
away the burn . . . Well, how does
it look. Silence?"

"Smooth as an egg."

The Kid's face was, in fact, as
smooth as an egg—a fried egg.
"How's me tash coming on?" he
asked.

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"What tash?" asked Old Silence,
rather astonished.

At that point, Old Meantie, rushing
in, said: "Widnes, lend us your
razor."

"Wipe it when you've finished,"
said the Kid from Widnes. He
burst into the hut, borrowed a
mirror from a Corporal, and ox-
amined his face; grabbed Siberia's
tube of moustache-pomade, and plas-
tered his upper lip with it.

"A tash should be trained," he said.
"I'm going to grow a proper tash, like a
colonel's tash, all brushed up, like."

The Corporal said, "Mind you don't
grow that tash too long, or it'll get
in your gas-mask and suffocate you."

The Kid from Widnes looked grave.

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Then Old Meantie came back, and
said, "Funny, ha?"

"What you mean, funny?" asked
the Kid.

"That razor."

"You fussy git," said the Kid from
Widnes. "If it's good enough for
me, it's good enough for you."

"Yeah? Well, it's got no blade in
it!"

"Oh," said the Kid from Widnes.

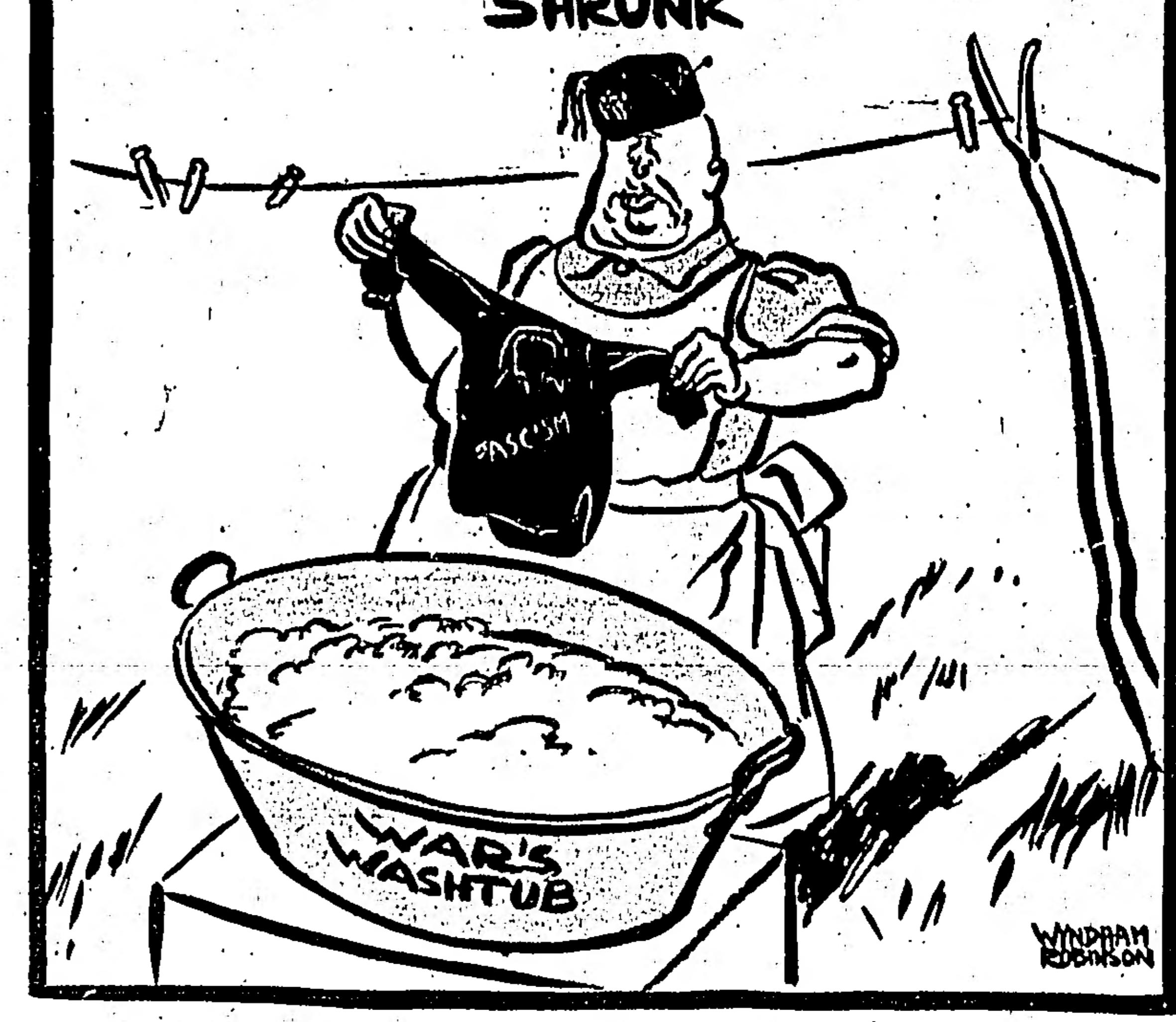
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bases for attacks on vital industrial
Nazi cities in the east; it would spell
the final overthrow of Mussolini in
Albania; it would offer splendid op-
portunities for wholesale sabotage by
antagonistic Rumanians and Bul-
garians; and even if his armes suc-
ceeded in making some progress in
Yugo-Slavia, it would cost them
heavily in men and materials, neither
of which would Hitler find easy
to replace.

War in the Balkans does not pre-
sent a very healthy prospect for

Germany.

April 4, 1941.

SHRUNK



PARIS UNDER THE GERMANS

By Polly Peabody

The Parisians of to-day are prisoners of war under the vigilant watch of an army of gaolers. They can hardly call anything their own, and their enemy is the arbiter of their every action.

But the iron grip is tightening, and severe punishments are inflicted for any infringement of the rules or for any apparently unfriendly attitude. Many offenders are shot. When the culprit cannot be found some innocent person is shot in his place and the local community heavily fined in sums ranging up to a million francs. Paris cinemas are closed for weeks when Axis personalities are hissed on the screen.

Now the reaction has set in. They have learned their lesson under the pressure of the German boot. As a result, they are determined to resist their invader with the only weapons left at their command—their wit and their intelligence. The Germans have conquered the country, but they have not conquered the people, for they have utterly failed to understand the French mentality.

To-day Paris is a sad and depressing sight. It is more reminiscent of a garrison town than one of the world's most delightful cities. Bullet-grey cars roar up and down the Champs Elysees; troops crowd the pavements; sentries, saluting and heel clicking, stand at attention at the doors of hotels and apartment houses which have been requisitioned by the army of occupation. The Swastika flies over every famous building in the city as a bitter and constant reminder of the German triumph.

War On The Walls

Yet in Paris is a war being waged—not a spectacular war, but efficient in its purpose. It is the war of scribbles on the walls, of hisses and catcalls in the darkness of the theatre and cinema, of knowing smiles, of subtle double meanings in conversation—these undermining all Hitler's propaganda efforts.

Napoleon's tomb is the highlight of the thousands of posters which of these expeditions. The paper walls of the city serve as an outlet for a growing anger. The Parisians never miss an occasion to scratch sarcastic comments above the very words that music, the Parisians turn their heads to avoid looking at a picture which breaks their hearts.

But most enjoyed, by all Hitler's followers are the Paris shops. These men, denied all luxuries for so long, who had not seen a well-furnished store for years, became inflicted with a buying craze which bordered on hysteria. Stocks of perfumes, silk stockings, silk underwear, furs, etc., have been almost entirely exhausted. Many shops, which are not allowed to close, remain open with empty counters and barren shelves.

The ingenious Parisians have found ways of escape from many unfamiliar difficulties which are now inflicted upon them. One of them is the problem of transportation. Taxis and buses no longer exist. Cycling or walking is the only substitute. As bicycles are few, it is not unusual to see a man pedalling hard with his wife in a little trailer behind.

With most of the shops empty and the German occupation mark still greatly mistrusted by the French, a system of barter has sprung up in Paris. A few eggs are exchanged for knitting wool, a few lumps of coal for a little oil, a piece of soap for almost anything. The acute shortage of food taxes the skill of the French cook, who, without the necessary ingredients, still feels he must save his reputation.

Shortage Of Food

Food cards are issued and rations are growing smaller. There are long waiting lines in the streets outside the markets. Housewives often stand in cold for hours, only to return home empty-handed.

The iron discipline of the German army has made itself felt. Speed and efficiency have become the mode in Paris. French policemen were given long white gloves to direct the traffic in German style. In restaurants, erstwhile slow waiters fairly sprinted from table to kitchen. German rules must be obeyed. Any lingering after curfew hour lands the offender in polishing Nazi boots or peeling potatoes until five o'clock in the morning. A woman who crosses an avenue outside the pedestrian zone was, as a lesson, escorted back and forth ten times by a Nazi official. A ray of light from a window in a black-out may bring a revolver bullet through one of the panes.

Sightseeing is one of the major pastimes for the army of occupation. They tour the town herded together in large trucks. The goose-stepping Nazis and the sound of heavy German music, the Parisians turn their heads to avoid looking at a picture which breaks their hearts.

Yet the soul of Paris and of France still lives. The people now look to the future with the great hope that Britain and the British Empire, their Allies and their friends, will triumph, and that they themselves may still be able to play a part in the overthrow of the hated Boche.

Next Week's Open Tennis Programme

MONDAY

Doubles—G. Choa and A. V. Remedios v. D. and B. Kurnishin. Club championship—H. J. Armstrong v. M. Pugh.

Club handicap—T. J. Gould (-12) v. T. Monaghan (-10).

Club handicap doubles—C.H.R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-12) v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (-2).

TUESDAY

Doubles—Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher.

Club handicap—H. Blake and H.C.D. Knight (-10) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan.

WEDNESDAY

Singles—A. Crawford or G. Choa v. Paul Wei-kuai. Pang Ol-jam v. M. Pugh or J. D. Hurnishin.

Club handicap—J. Stirling Lee (-8) v. E. R. Childe (No. 1/0). C.H.R. Oxlade (-10) v. E. Z. Carter (-10) or. F. W. Carter (-10).

Club handicap doubles—T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (-12) v. G. W. Sowell and T. M. Dowdall (-10).

Club mixed doubles—J. Theobald and Mrs. Terrible (-10) v. S. L. Maughan and Mrs. Stoneham (-10) or A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-10).

THURSDAY

Doubles—Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v. Tsui Wal-pui and Tsui Yan-pui.

Club championship—A. C. Monaghan v. N.E. Gurs; V. R. Gordon v. F. W. Carter.

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Essence Of Living

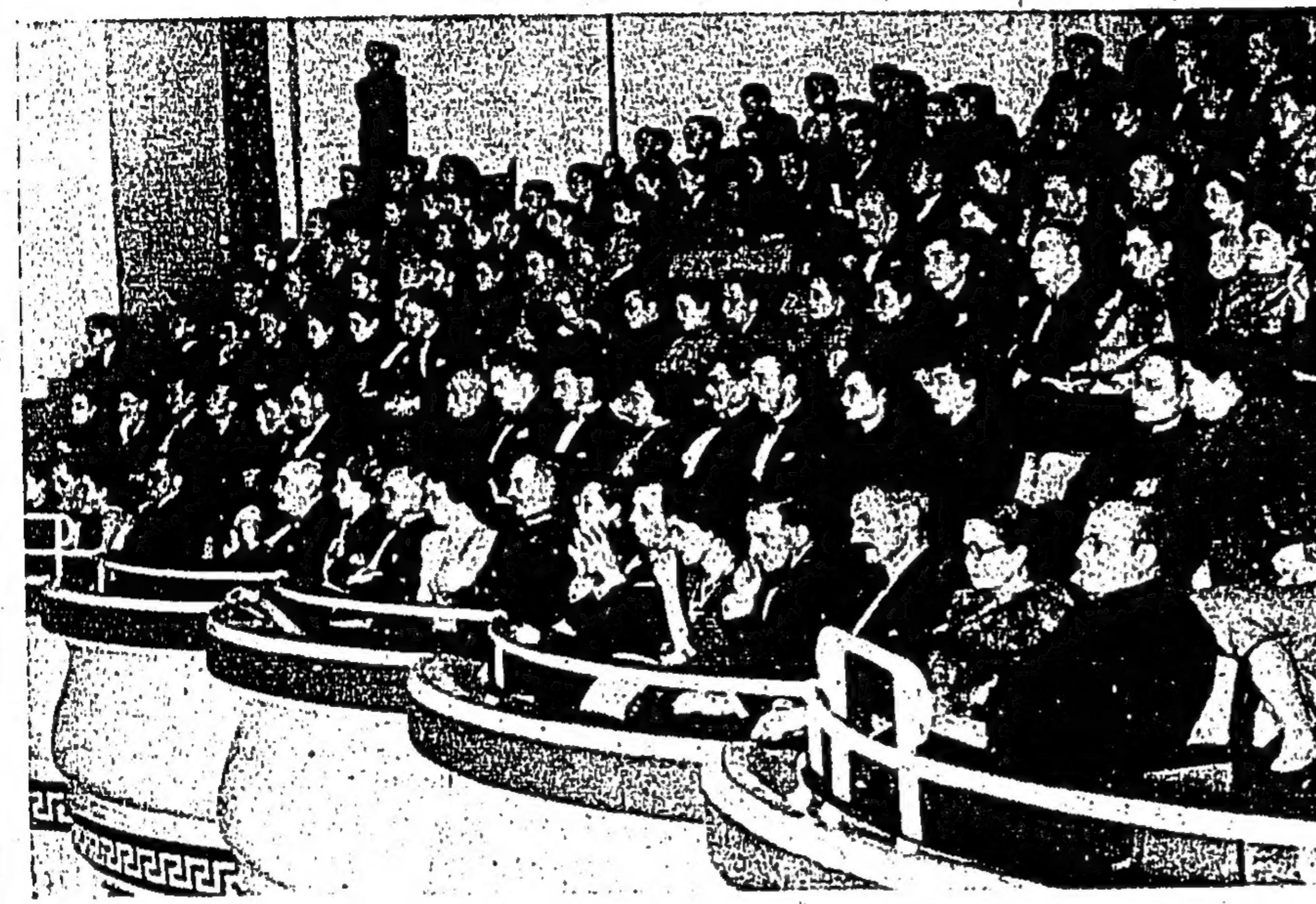
BELFAST, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Declaring that "the tyranny of a man over Italian and German minds is one of the saddest things in history," Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, in a speech here, gave as an instance Libya which he described as "one of the most miserable and worthless desert countries any man ever laid eyes on."

The Australians, who had cleared it, had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more. What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white," he added.

"Pastor Hall" Gala Premiere

A large and distinguished audience gathered at the Lee Theatre on Wednesday night for the Gala Premiere of "Pastor Hall," shown in aid of China's war orphans. Photographs below show His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, arriving at the Theatre with Madame Sun at-ten and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, and a general view of the audience in the dress circle, the official party including the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr. G. Petrie, Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, His Excellency the Governor, Madame Sun Yat-sen, H. E. General A. E. Gassett, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carle and Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins—Sun Ying-min.



"Bisley" Meeting

Splendid Shooting By L/Corporal Allo

REMARKABLE SHOOTING was recorded at the Kowloon City Range yesterday when the third day's events in the Bisley meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association were held.

The outstanding feature was provided by L/Cpl. Allo, Royal Engineers, who headed the list of final 20 qualifiers for the Association Service Rifle Championship and then put up a magnificent effort when he totalled 48 of a possible 50.

Results:

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Three New Track Records At Extra Meeting

Peter Wei Registers Four Wins: Eric Moller Most Successful Owner: United Express Fails

RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY last Saturday was excellent and so was the riding of Mr Peter Wei, who piloted four ponies to victory, registering at the same time a "hat trick" on Vanity Fair, Velvettight and Moonlight. The jockey had to exert pressure on the first two gee-gees, but the trip on Moonlight was an armchair ride.

A feature of the Second Extra Meeting was the failure of Distant View and United Express in the major handicap event, and there were three new track records at the new scale of weights.

The invincible Sapper carrying 159 lb. won the Broken Hill Handicap in easy fashion over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, in one minute 53 seconds, and Mrs A. E. Grasett's pony lowered Happy Returns' figure by nine two-fifths seconds.

Vanity Fair (159 lb.) annexed the Hobart Handicap (first section) to "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs in one minute 22 1/2 seconds, slicing Colong's record at the Annual Carnival by one two-fifths seconds.

Velvettight (159 lb.) captured the Canton Handicap (first section) confined to "B" class China ponies over six furlongs in one minute 22 1/2 seconds, slicing Colong's record at the Annual Carnival by one two-fifths seconds.

Luckily the above three fastest runs were performed prior to the tumbling down of heavy clouds, but the rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of the followers of the turf.

Successful Owner

THE most successful owner was Mr Eric Moller of Shanghai who ran away with the first Stewards' Cup presented by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, the Canton Handicap (first section) and the Hobart Handicap (second section).

The shipping magnate's three candidates gained a "small fortune" to a total of \$2,000 plus the handsome silver trophy, and this will, of course, be added to Mr Moller's already fine collection of silver cups.

Though there was no "three figure" dividends, one could hardly say that spotting the winners at last Saturday's racing was easy, and I think the difficulty was on account of the merging of the new and old runners for the first time in the handicap events.

It may be of interest to note that the first three placed runners in the Canton Handicap (first section) for "B" class China ponies were the youngsters of this year, while in the Hobart Handicap (second section) for Australian "B" raters the first two belonged to the class of subscription ponies of the current season.

More Easter Races

PUNTERS will be glad to know that there are 12 races (instead of the usual 10 events) in each day at the Easter session, and it looks to me a complicated programme. Ponies that are entered for sprint events (confined to both classes of Australian ponies of this season) are barred from entering for distance runs and vice versa.

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Sapper outruns Rest Of Field

It must be admitted that this will prevent owners from nominating their ponies to run out of distances. And we will certainly have some job to spot the winners at the Easter Meeting.

Great Disappointment

LET US return to last Saturday's racing. To the sad disappointment of 1,108 chances taken by those in the know, Odeca (Nedea) failed to justify the confidence, and the stolid one was badly beaten in the opening event, Kongnun Plate, by Eve of Grandeur by two lengths.

Had the writer known that Sir Victor's grille was going to accept, he would have tipped the chestnut to win. I said in my notes that he was chestnut Guardian and Times both dangerous.

Starlight Carries Off Stewards' Cup Event

COLOOMA HALF A LENGTH BEHIND

THE INAUGURAL CLASSIC, Stewards' Cup, was the first handicap event for Australian pony griffins of this season over a middle distance, and there were ten acceptances out of 16 entries. I am sure the Stewards must have been quite satisfied with the response, and the contest provided a tight finish.

Starlight won by half length with a neck separating Colooma and Mountain View. What a joy it would have been to the Stewards had Colooma crossed the line first, for Sir Vane Grayburn and Mr D. C. Edmondston had joint interest in the race.

The public also took a great interest in the event, and Oracle carried all the money with 2020 chances for a win, followed by Colooma (1434 chances) and Gloaming (1149).

Perfect Start

HOWEVER, the start was perfect. H. Nomine Poenae (S. W. Lee) tried runaway tactics, which, of course, went well until the bottom of the hill was reached, but after that the pony was losing ground, and the brown faded out of the picture.

It was rather unusual to see Mr. Needa taking his mount to the front, for at the half-mile beacon Oracle was running behind Nomine

Poenae, with Starlight, Gloaming, Prairie View and the rest following in the rear.

At three furlongs from home, I could see that both Nomine Poenae and Oracle were being hard pressed with no response, and Starlight was first coming round the bend chased by Gloaming and Colooma.

A Challenge

THERE was a huge cry from the public enclosure when Mr. Botelho began to push Mountain View at the entrance of the home stretch. Before the distance was reached, Colooma and Mountain View drew level with Gloaming, and at this point Mr. Eu Tong-sen's candidate was a dead horse.

Down the straight the jockey on Starlight thought that he had the race well in hand, but it did not take him long to realise that Colooma and Mountain View were fighting hard for the premier place.

In the last hundred yards the three riders were hard at work and a large measure of the success must be given to Mr. Wei who pushed Starlight just in time over the base line by half length in front of Colooma.

The latter beat Mountain View by a neck and three lengths behind Gloaming.

Championship Badminton Games To-night

The following are the Badminton Championship matches at the Club de Recreio to-night:

8 p.m. P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).

8.30 p.m. A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (Junior Singles).

9 p.m. C. Y. Yung and F. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (Senior Doubles).

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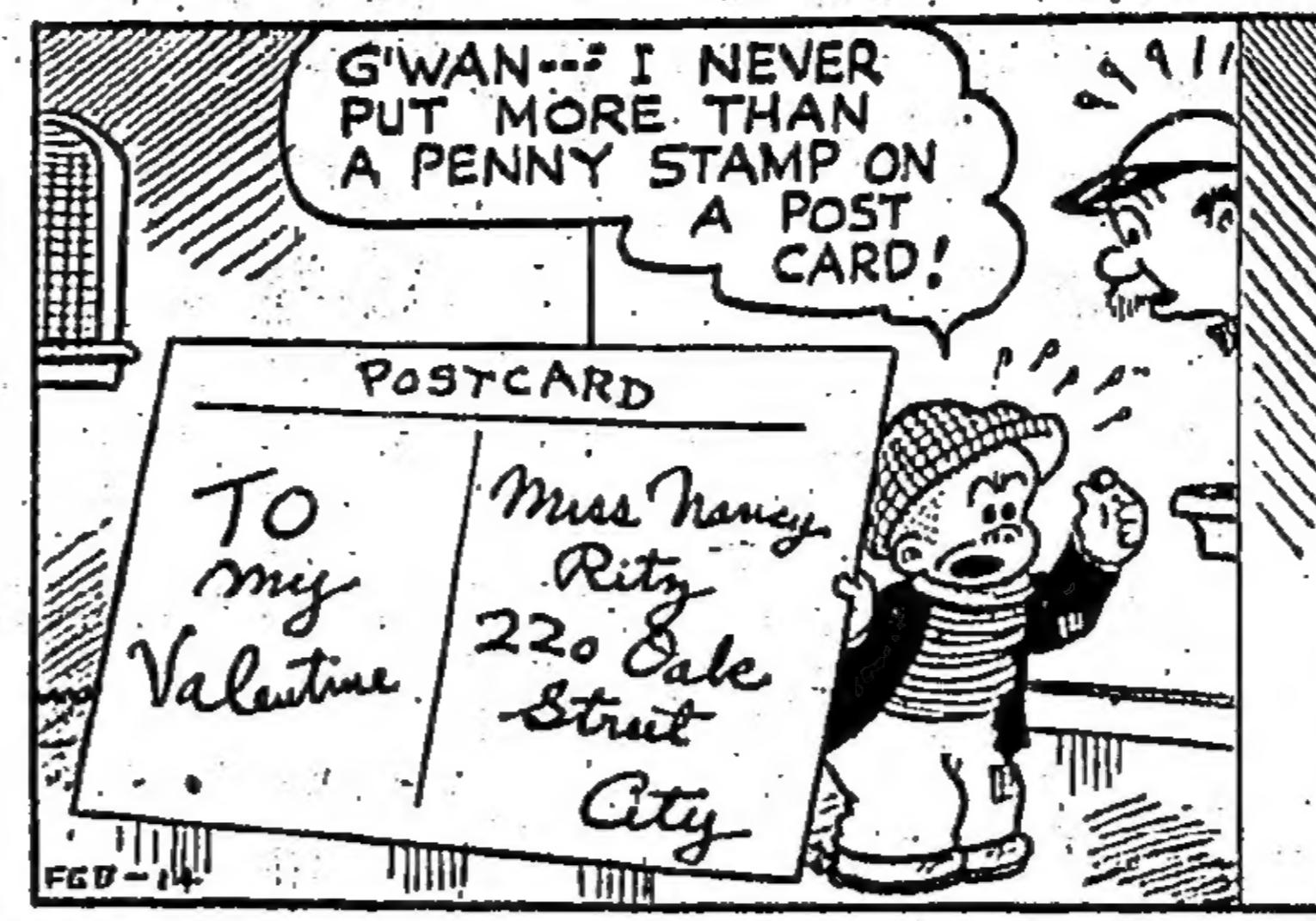
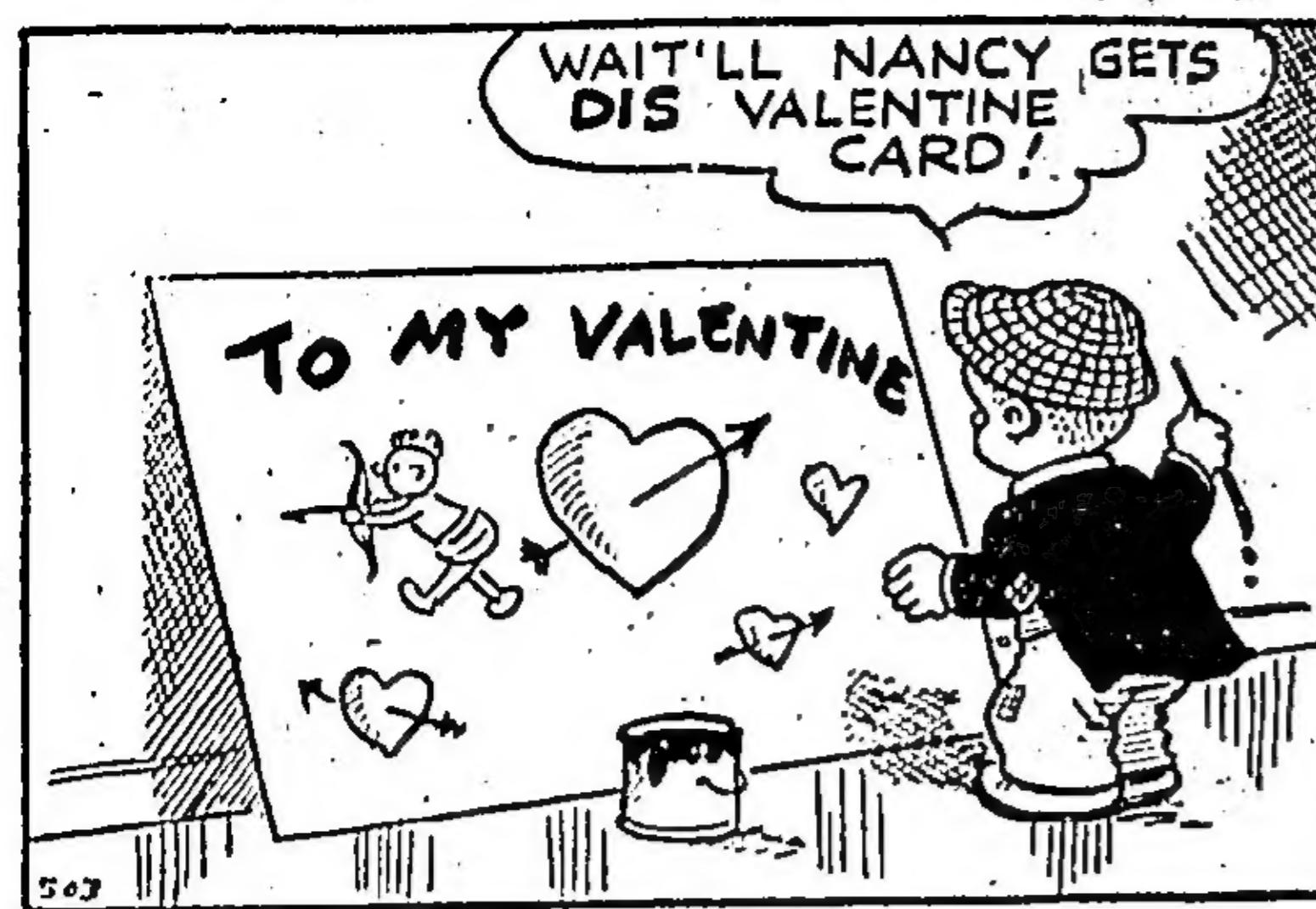
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TELEKI SUICIDE

Hungarian Leader's Tragic End

Budapest, Apr. 3. Count Paul Teleki, Hungarian Prime Minister, committed suicide last night. Servants discovered his body in his room when they went to wake him this morning.

In a letter found beside the body Teleki said he did not feel able to carry on his difficult and unhappy task.

Efforts were made to keep the news from the Hungarian people. First announcement of his death said he had died from heart failure and an emphatic denial was given to first reports that he had committed suicide. The efforts were unsuccessful, however, and the news has caused a profound impression throughout the country.

Reports that Teleki's wife had also died were denied, but it was admitted she was gravely ill in hospital following an accident, the nature of which was not stated.

In accordance with custom the Cabinet has resigned but is carrying on under the guidance of M. Keresztes Fischer, who has been appointed interim Premier. M. Fischer was formerly Minister of the Interior.

Two days of national mourning have been ordered by the Regent, Admiral Horthy.—Reuter.

Count Teleki was born at Budapest in 1879, his father being the former Minister. He studied geography and cartography and was from 1908 to 1913 Director of the Geographical Institute and professor of geography at Budapest.

Elected to the Chamber in 1911, he was head of the Supplies Department during the war. In the Government set up in opposition to the Communist regime at Budapest he was Foreign Minister. As a delegate to the Peace Conference, he signed the Trianon Treaty which reduced Hungary by two-thirds and, when he returned to the National Assembly, offered himself for impeachment for his action.

When Imredy resigned in 1939, Teleki, who had been Minister of Education, formed a Government, retaining Count Csaky as Foreign Minister. He stated there would be no change in home or foreign policy, adding that Hungary was firmly linked with the Axis Powers to which she owed her acquisition of territory from Czechoslovakia.

Teleki had shown in 1921 that he opposed anti-Jewish measures as disastrous to the country's economic life and he was expected to tone down Imredy's measure against the Jews. One of his first acts was to disband the Nazi party and seize its funds on account of its illegal activities, notably the bomb outrage at a synagogue.

Gradually, the Nazi movement was suppressed. Budapest became far more friendly with Rome than with Berlin toward which Teleki maintained a courteous but firm attitude. Imredy was silenced. The Nazis fell into popular disfavour after Hitler shook hands with Stalin and the Russians attacked Finland, Hungary's sister nation. Although 50 Nazis were in Parliament they constantly wrangled among themselves and offered no real opposition to the Teleki cabinet.

It is notified that quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Government of the Netherlands East Indies against arrivals from Hongkong on account of Cholera.



HE'S DETERMINED—Haile Selassie, left, Emperor of Ethiopia, is back in his country to organize his people and bust Italian conquerors. In British khaki uniform he chats with an unidentified British officer.

"Thief Of Bagdad"

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When roadshow at the King's Theatre a short time ago the "Thief of Bagdad" drew capacity houses at every performance. In Bombay, Colombo, Singapore and Macao all attendance records were broken, in Shanghai, it ran for 15 days at the Nanking Theatre and 25 days at the Metropole Theatre at advance prices, the receipts for the run was \$336,558 which is nearly \$100,000, more than the previous record for "Gone with the Wind."

Vic Hugo, manager of the Oriental Theatre has just concluded negotiations with Mr. Joe C. Goltz, Far Eastern representative for the United Artists Corporation for the rights to show this picture at the Oriental Theatre at popular prices and this will be the first time Thief of Bagdad has been shown at less than roadshow prices. Mr. Hugo, following out his well-established policy of "value for money," is now offering one of the best theatrical bargains in years.

An interesting talk on "The New Women of China" was given at the Helena May Institute yesterday by Miss P. S. Tseng, of Changsha, grand-niece of Marquis Tseng, China's first Ambassador to Britain.

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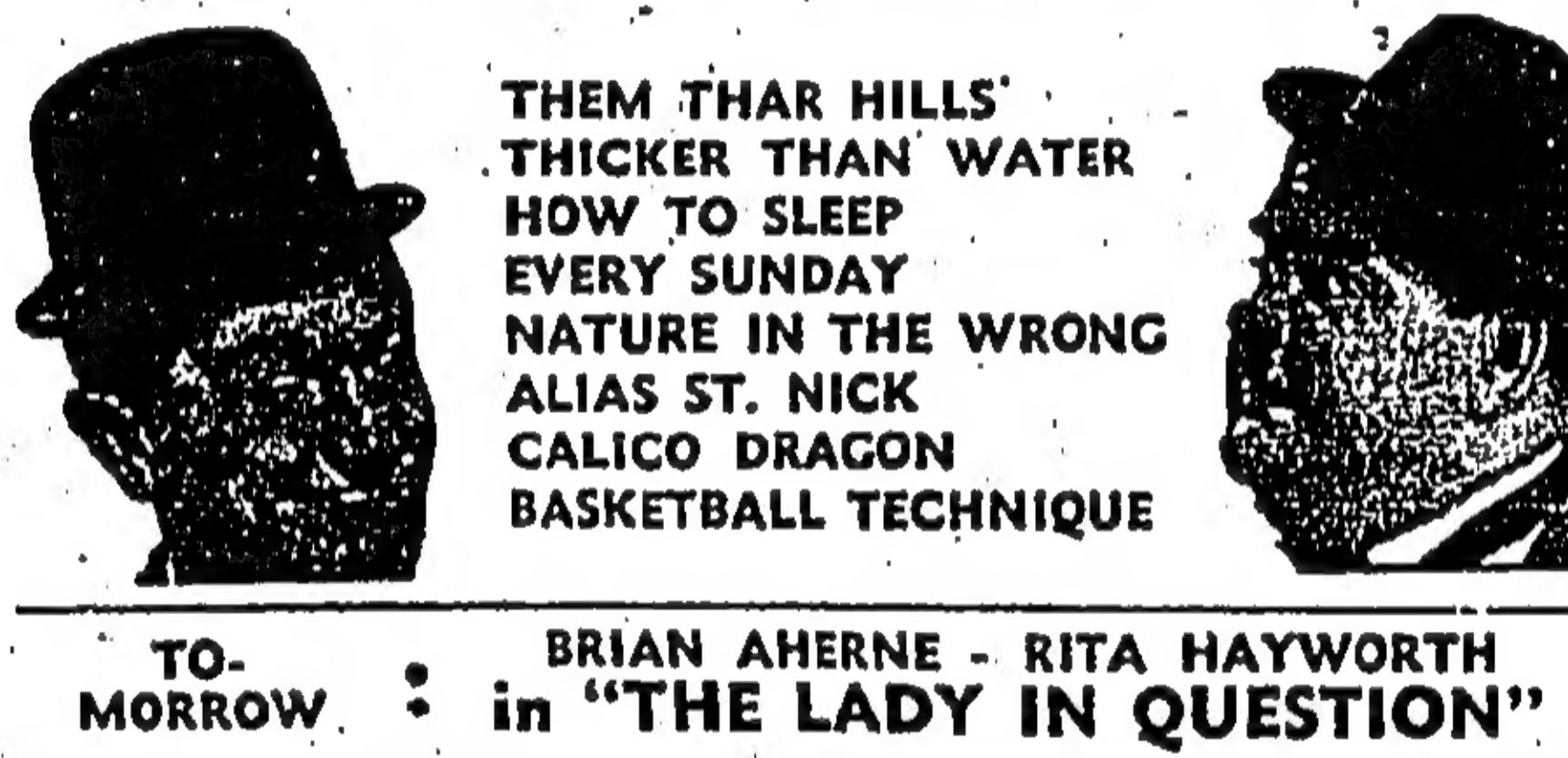
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pressure more than he could face. He has taken the way out that seems to fit him easier.

There are many politicians in Budapest who might be willing tools of Germany but Admiral Horthy is also a man of independent mould and his choice of a successor to Count Teleki may delay, if it does not circumvent, the German plans.

Attitude of Bulgars

Bulgarians, who also were very delighted with their pact of perpetual friendship with Yugoslavia are similarly being dragged into opposition. The Bulgarian-Serbian rapprochement was a very real thing and had greatly contributed to the pacification of the Balkans.

The Germans will not find it easy to poison the relations between the two peoples even if they drive the Bulgarians into an appearance of open enmity.

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New Ambassadorship For Dr Koo?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Dr Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Vichy will succeed Mr Quo Tai-chi as Ambassador to London.

LATE NEWS

Offensive Sentence In Jane's Issue

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The Ministry of Aircraft Production issued the following announcement to-day:

"The attention of the Ministry of Aircraft Production has been brought to a picture caption in the new issue of Jane's "All The World's Aircraft" inimical to the friendly relations existing between Britain and the United States. Neither the publication itself, nor the principal Editor, Mr C. G. Grey, has any official status. The publishers have stated that they are recalling all copies of the publication with a view to removing the offensive sentences."

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LATE NEWS

Italian Eludes Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The Italian freighter, Himalaya, 6,240 tons, arrived here to-day direct from Somaliland.

Camouflaged but unarmed, she is the second Italian ship to arrive at Rio since the war.

The German freighter, Babitong, 4,422 tons, cleared the Customs at Santos on Wednesday with a cargo of fuel and is expected to leave soon.

Feverish preparation for departure is still reported from a North Brazilian port, where seven Italian cargo ships are laid up.

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produce and deliver goods and to maintain their traditional high quality (Cheers).

Regulations

Replying to a further question suggesting modification of the law relating to the holding and use of dollar currency by Britons in the United States and a free exchange of currency between Britain and the United States, Captain Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, emphasised that in spite of the passage of the Lease and Lend Act, our overseas commitments to be met in gold or dollars remained very large. It therefore remained essential to our war effort that our exchange resources should be conserved to a maximum degree and that the exchange control regulations be strictly complied with by all concerned.

British Troops Evacuate Bengazi

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owing to the large number of Italian women and children there.

Capture of Mieso

NAIROBI, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The official communiqué giving news of the capture of Mieso pays tribute to the co-operation in Abyssinia of forces under the command of the Air Officer Commanding in Aden.

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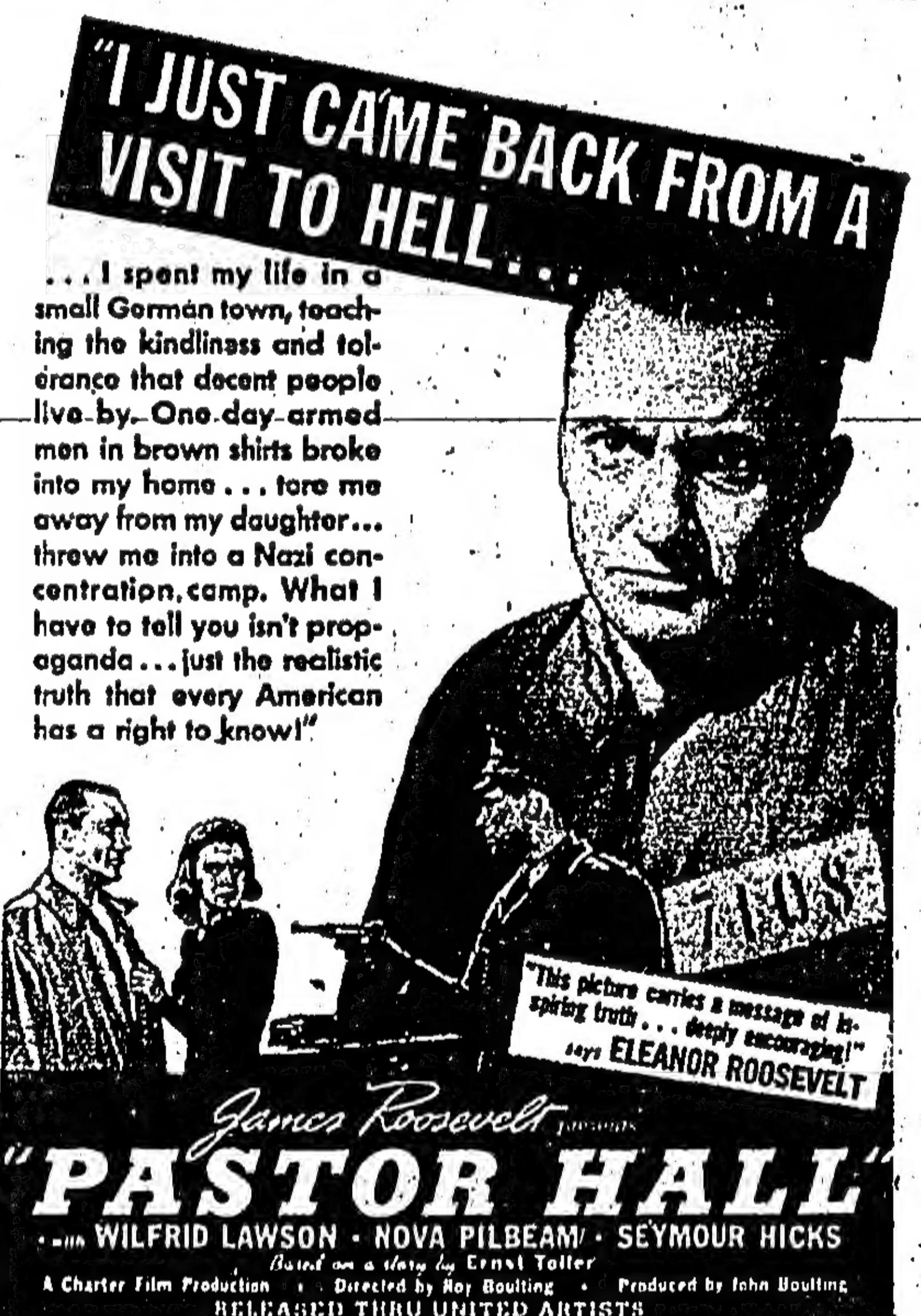
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BELGRADE PREPARES FOR AIR RAIDS: NAZIS MASSING ON FRONTIER

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, APR. 3 (UP).—RADIO BELGRADE ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED BELGRADE AN OPEN CITY AND THERE WILL BE A BLACK OUT TO-NIGHT WHEN THE SIRENS SOUND. IT IS RUMOURED IN MANY QUARTERS THAT THE GERMANS ARE CONCENTRATING AN AIR FORCE NEAR THE YUGO-SLAV FRONTIER.

200,000 Nazi Troops Massed on Border

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (UP).—Balkan travellers cabled to the "United Press," eyewitness reports that Germany has massed over 200,000 crack troops in Rumania near the Yugo-Slavian frontier. A very reliable eyewitness said that the Nazi forces are concentrated mainly along a 100-mile stretch of the frontier from Timisoara to Turnu-Severin.

MARIBOR AIR RAID ALARM

ZAGREB, Apr. 3 (UP).—The air raid alarm sounded for a few minutes at noon time to-day at Maribor when a foreign fighter plane flew over the town at a very high altitude and disappeared after anti-aircraft guns had opened fire.

NAZIS APPRECIATE SERIOUSNESS

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—An authorised German military source said to-day that the British may have landed a total of 350,000 troops in Greece. He indicated that the High Command appreciated the seriousness of the Balkan outlook. He asserted that Australian and New Zealand troops had taken up positions in north Greece facing the Yugo-Slavian and Bulgarian frontiers.

Nazis May Have To Forfeit Ships

Sabotaging Crewmen On High Bail

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BOSTON, Apr. 4 (UP).—Usually high bail, totalling \$160,000 has been fixed for five officers and five seamen of the German tanker Pauline Frederick, arraigned to-day, but who refused to plead to sabotage charges.

The Federal Attorney, Mr Edmund Brandon, said the defendants refused to plead "presumably at the instigation of a representative of a Government of which they are nationals."

Diplomats Involved

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, was asked whether or not Axis diplomats had ordered sabotage on the ships which were seized, and he replied, "The facts speak for themselves." He asserted that all legal aspects regarding the seizures, including the possible forfeiture to the American Government are under study, adding, "If they had not have damaged the ships, the chances are that we would never have taken them over."

Returns From Hunt

CALLAO, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Peruvian cruiser Grau returned to-day after hunting for the crews from the German freighters Muenchen, 3,315 tons and Hermonthis, 2,810 tons, which were seized and abandoned last Wednesday afternoon at Pana. It is rumoured that a Canadian cruiser is in the vicinity.

GESTAPO'S REPRISALS

More Americans In Berlin Arrested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—At least seven, and possibly more, United States citizens were arrested during the night. Nazis admitted the action was "not impossible" a reprisal for the seizure of German ships in United States ports.

The police intimated that all have been released, some during the late evening, and others this morning, after they had been held incommunicado at the Alexander Platz headquarters of the Gestapo.

All seven men have resided in Germany for a considerable time, the majority of them being students, engaged in no gainful occupation.

The Rev. Stewart Herman, Pastor of the American Church in Berlin was also arrested in his apartment Wednesday evening but was quickly released.

Importance of Dollars To Britain's Cause

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The effect of the Lease and Lend Bill on United Kingdom export policy was dealt with by Captain Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, replying to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

This country, he said, needs more and more supplies of every kind from the United States. The British Government are grateful for the ungrudging aid they have already received and are fortified by the assurance which the Lease and Lend Act provides for the continued supplies of essential goods.

Our need for dollars, however, remains very great and anything which adds to our dollar earnings is

TURN TO PAGE 5, COLUMN FOUR

77 Survivors

Rescued

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". SANTA CRUZ, TENERIFFE, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Spanish trans-Atlantic steamer Cabo Hornos arrived here to-day from Buenos Aires with 77 members of the crew of the British steamer Britannia, (8,800 tons), which was sunk by the German armed auxiliary cruiser Corsair on March 24, some 700 miles west off Sierra Leone.

The Britannia had a crew of 480, including some soldiers and it is feared that they have been lost. Many of them perished in the shark infested waters from shark attacks and exposure, since the men were in life boats and on rafts for five days before they were picked up. The majority of the arrivals have been taken to hospital.

Colony Population, Excluding the N.T., Numbers 1,444,725, Latest Census Shows

The recent census of the Colony's population undertaken by the Corps of Air Raid Precautions shows that the total number of people on the Island of Hongkong and the Kowloon Peninsula is 1,444,725 of all nationalities. This was revealed by the Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions, Mr B. H. Puckle, at a Press interview this morning.

The totals are: Hongkong Island 709,294;

Kowloon 581,431;

Water-borne, 154,000.

These figures do not take into account the population of the New Territories, where no census was taken, but it is estimated that the population there is between 120,000 and 150,000.

Though the figures cannot be one hundred per cent correct, he added, they are as nearly so as possible. There was every co-operation on the part of the public in this task, which made the work of the Air Raid Wardens so much easier.

No figures can yet be released as to the density of the population in any particular area, as these have still to be checked and tabulated, but it is considered that the Central area of the city will show the thickest population.

Previous Figures

The last census, taken in 1931, showed that the Colony's total population then, including the New Territories, was 849,751, of which 821,429 were Chinese and 28,322 Non-Chinese.

Mr Puckle stated that the erection of pen-shelters on the Island was almost completed and the A.R.P. Department was now looking for strongly built buildings where the verandah pavement can be used as shelters in between the verandah pillars and the building itself.

It was proposed to erect a wall of hollow concrete blocks, four feet in height, which could, if necessary, be built up, between every three verandah pillars. These walls would be spaced out, so that no inconvenience will be caused to house-holders.

An experiment in this form of shelter had already been tried out in Lockhart Road, and the Department was awaiting Government's opinion regarding them.

No date has yet been fixed for the next black-out practice, which the Department hopes to hold in the middle of this month. Government approval had not yet been obtained.

Italy Loses Two More Destroyers

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The sinking of two more Italian destroyers is reported in an Admiralty communiqué.

It says that the C-in-C, East Indies, reports that an Italian destroyer was sunk by naval aircraft and another left in a sinking condition. Both these destroyers recently left Massawa.

These enemy losses, adds the communiqué, are additional to the Italian destroyer of the Pantera class, the destruction of which was announced on Wednesday.

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A further gift of £10,000 from the British communities in China, making a total of £122,000, is acknowledged with grateful thanks by the Minister for Aircraft Production.

PLANE MISSING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

MIAMI, Fla., Apr. 3 (UP).—A plane of the Eastern Air Lines, carrying 13 passengers, including the famous Surgeon, Dr. George Crile, has not been reported since it left West Palm Beach for Daytona at 8.15 a.m. The plane encountered a severe hall storm near Fort Pierce.

America Requests Recall of Italian Naval Attache

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The United States Government to-day demanded that the Italian Government withdraw their Naval Attache from Washington as a result of his alleged complicity in the sabotage of Italian ships in United States harbours.

The note sent by Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to Prince Colonna, Italian Ambassador, requested the withdrawal of Admiral Alberto Lais as *persona non grata*.

Mr Hull announced that the President had come to this conclusion and in reply to a question, indicated that in the case of German diplomats may be under consideration.

Mr Hull's note said, "various facts and circumstances come to the attention of the United States Government concerning Admiral Lais who is 'non persona grata' to this Government. His continued presence here would not longer be agreeable to

LATEST

Students Clash With Police

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

ROME, Apr. 3 (UP).—Several hundred students shouting "Down with the Fascist Viva the Axis and Japan" clashed with soldiers and police surrounding the United States Embassy to-day.

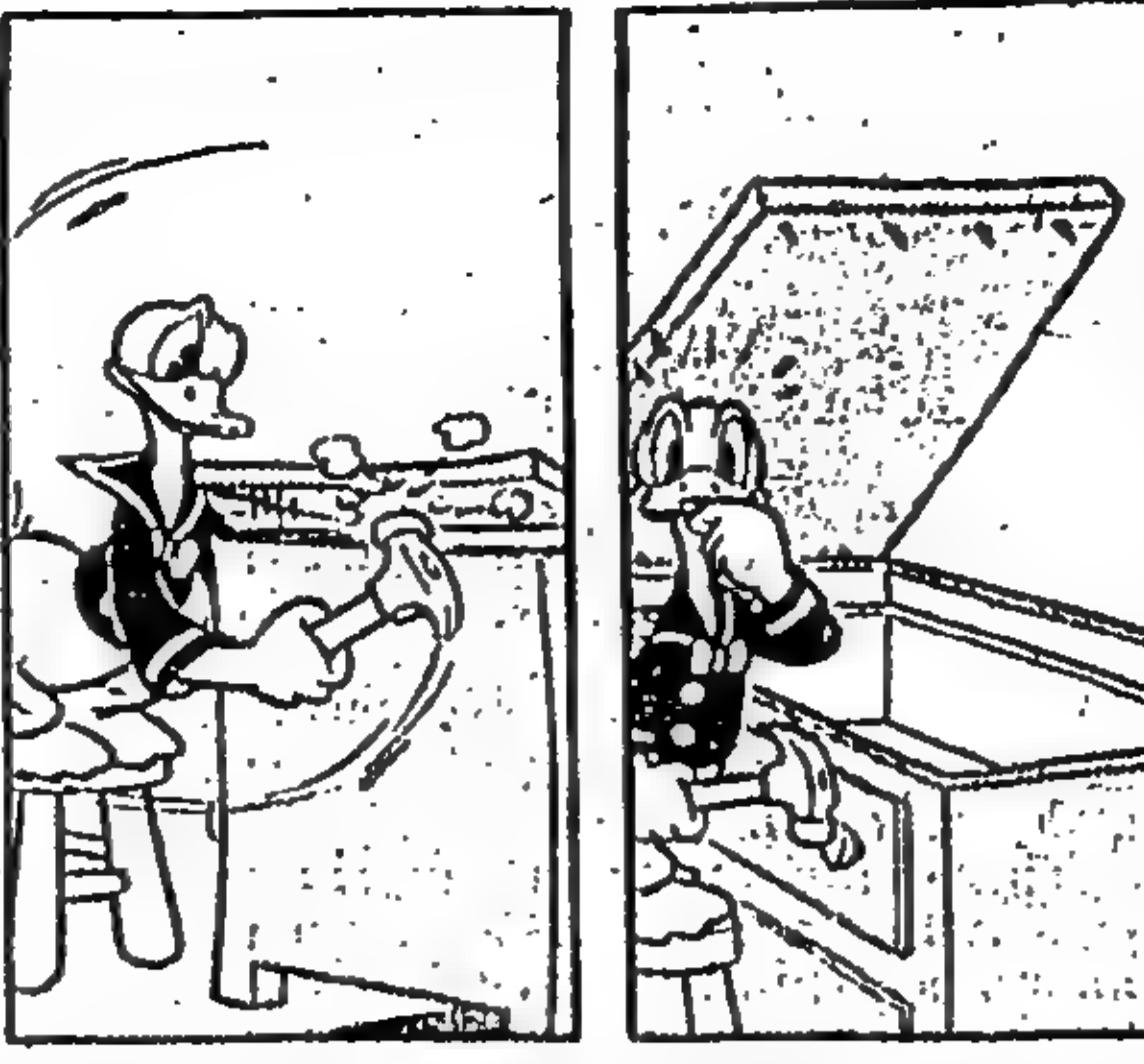
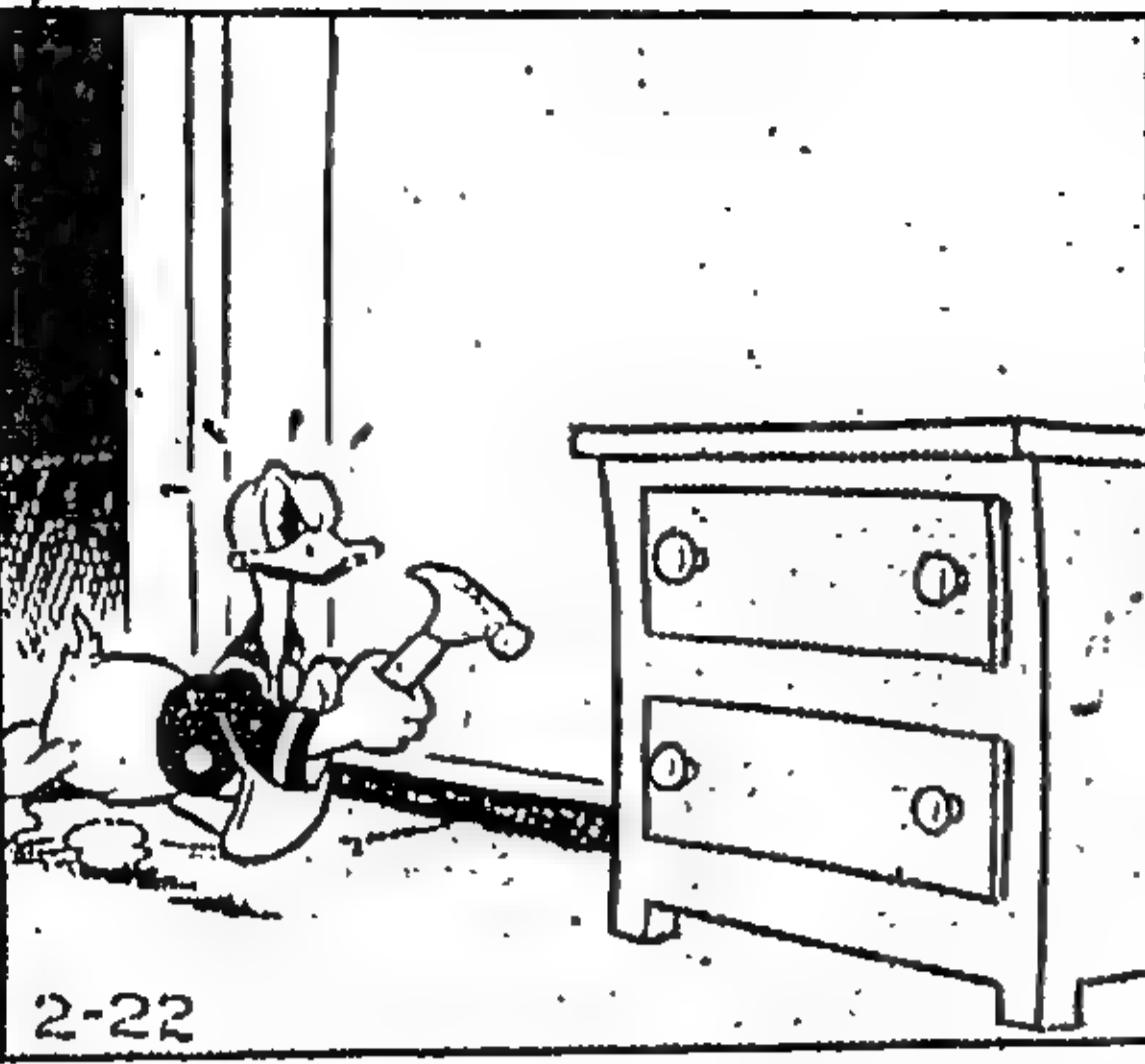
They were dispersed but re-formed again and tried to reach the Yugoslav Legation shouting "We want Dalmatia." However, the soldiers and police turned them back.

Later, thousands gathered in Venice Square and cheered Mussolini who appeared on the balcony and gave the Fascist salute.

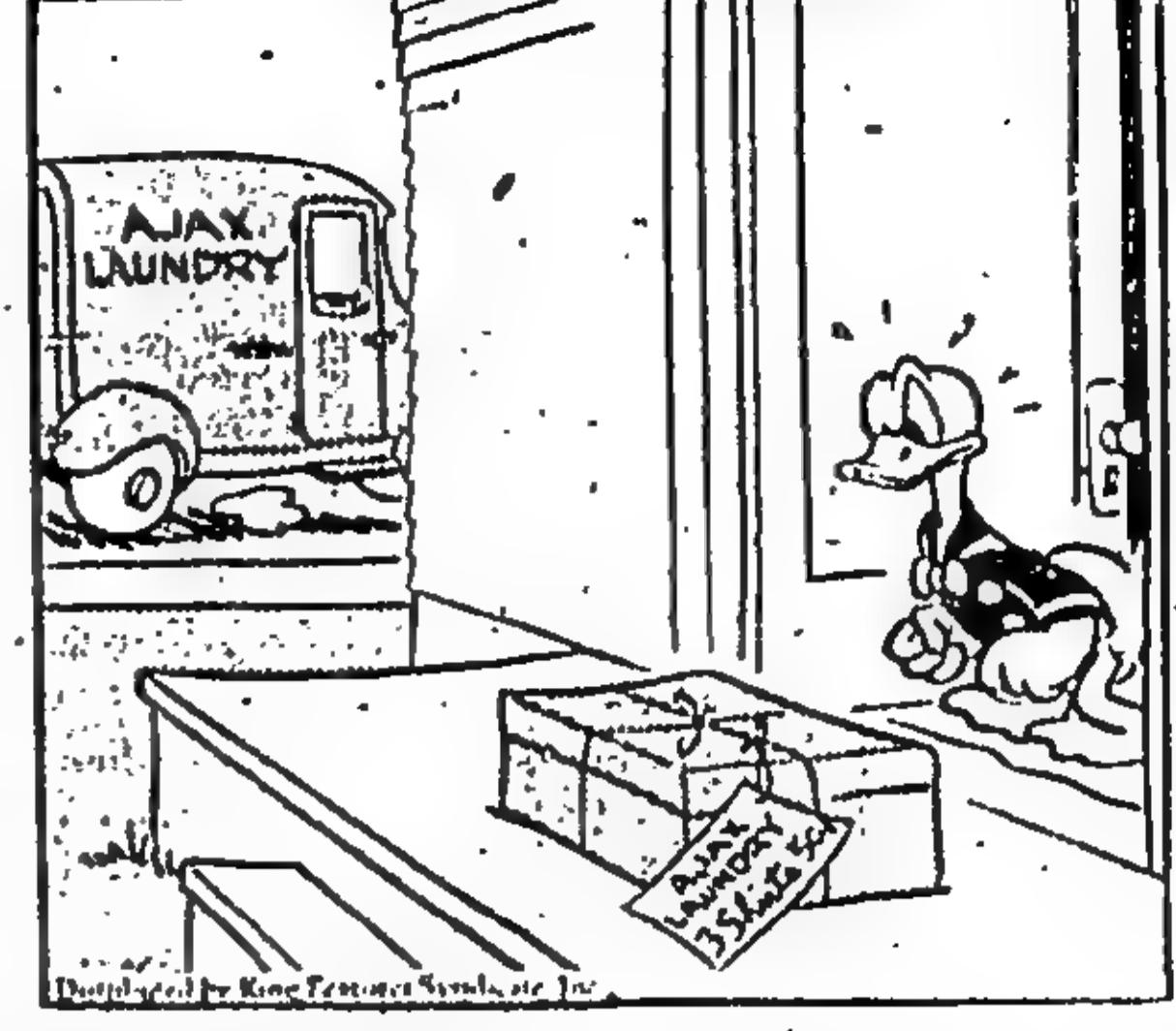
SINGAPORE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The latest instalment from the Straits Settlements Bomber Fund this week to the British Treasury of £19,575 makes the total to date £600,000, which is more than sufficient to purchase two squadrons of bombers.

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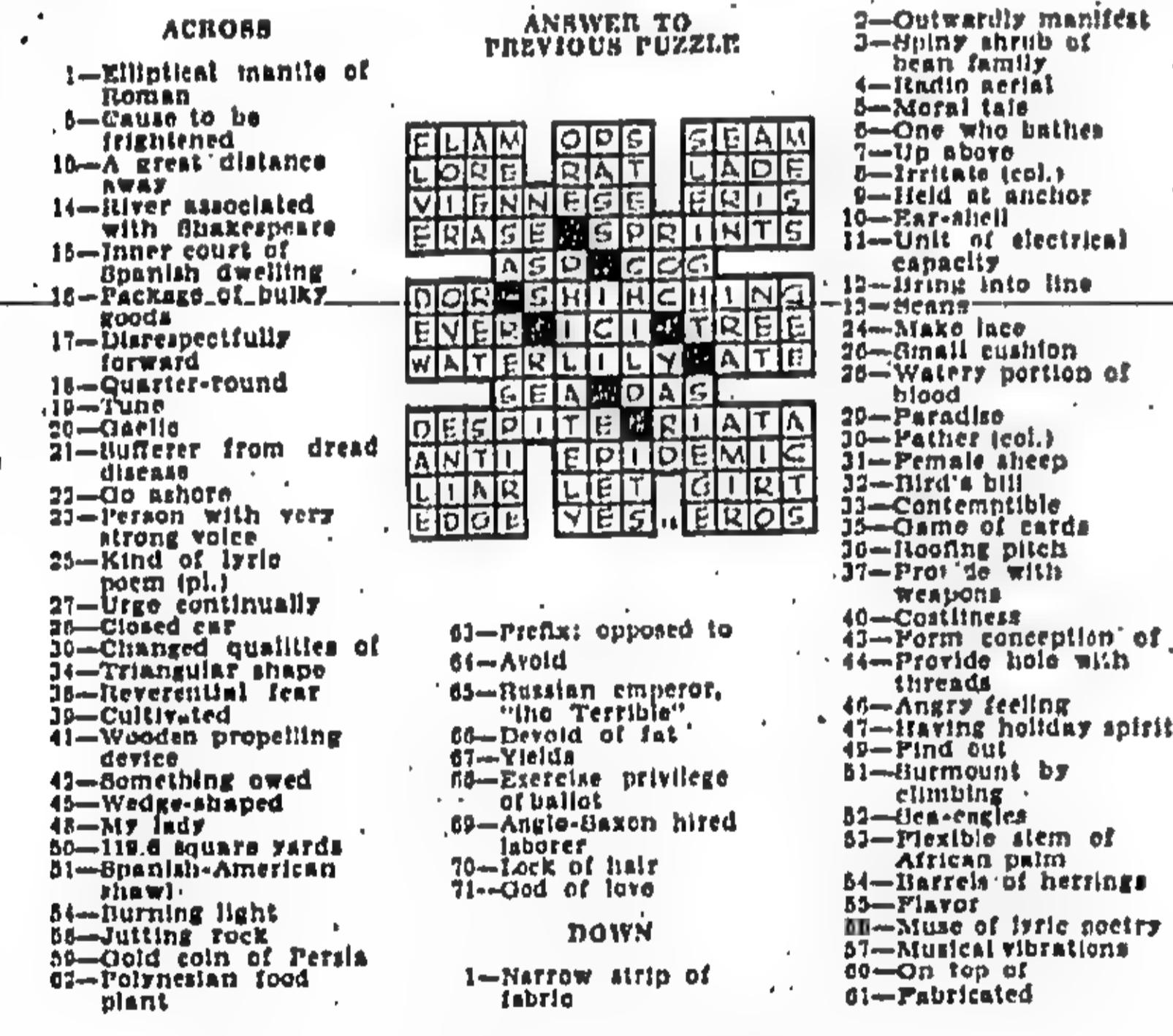
By Lichty



"I need a girl who will cook, wash, sew, clean an eight-room house and take care of three children—and don't give me one of those refugees who are taking the best jobs away from our own girls!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

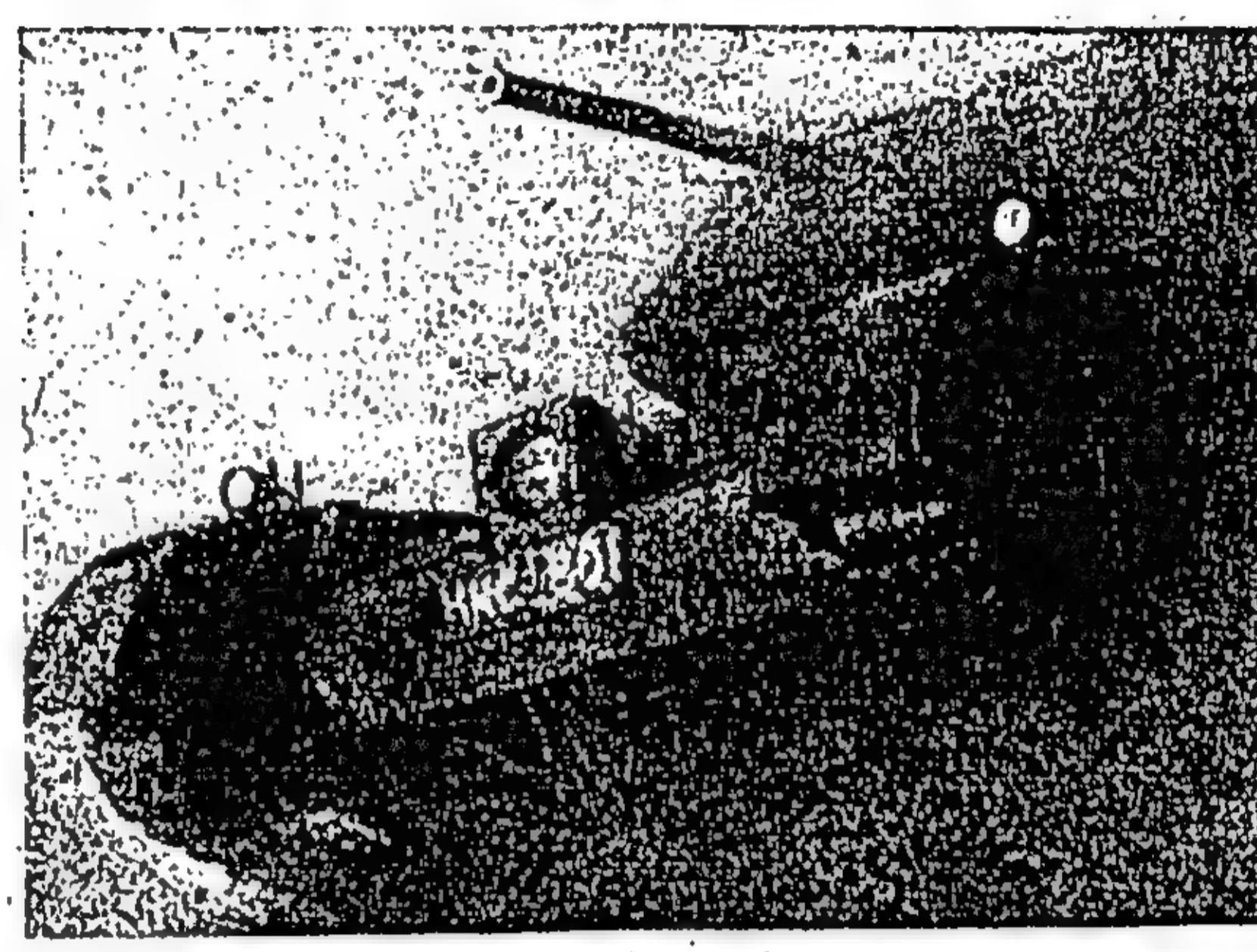


OUR GREAT NEW ARMY SIXTH ARTICLE

By H. V. Morton

I WANT to introduce you to a man in the Army whose part in mechanised ground warfare is equivalent to that of a Spitfire pilot in the air. He is the tank gunner.

His job is one of the most important in the mechanised Army. There are thousands of these young men in the Royal Armoured Corps, and thousands more are in training. Their skill in a most difficult branch of gunnery is paramount, if tanks are to be successful in action.



A tank emerges from a smoke screen with its gun seeking range.

"Fire!" shouted the man with the telephone.

The gunner pressed the trigger, there was an ear-splitting crack, the shell case shot into a canvas bag, the tank filled with a faint smell of cordite that was instantly blown out by fans, and far off on the hillside the brown earth split up in front of the target.

We were now running past the target. The gun turret kept swinging round to the rear, and three times came the crack; and three times plastered the target, dead on.

The tank suddenly swerved, dipped its nose into a pit and, turning its own length, began to run back at full speed. I should think we were travelling at thirty miles an hour.

The guns nosed up, moving independently of the body of the tank, and as we again came in view of the target the gunner opened up with his machine-gun and a steady stream of bullets spattered up all round it.

We performed other evolutions. We roared full-speed into a dip of ground and lay hidden, like some prehistoric monster waiting for its prey.

Then our guns crept up on the target, and we just had time to see a direct hit before we roared off and away.

While all this was going on what impressed me was the superb team work necessary between the members of the crew if a tank is to preserve itself in action.

One slack or inefficient member and that tank is in fearful peril with all the lives inside it.

The tank is partially blind, almost totally deaf, monster, impregnable against some forms of attack, easily vulnerable to others.

Repartee

And as I saw these men at action stations I compared them, for courage and inter-dependence one upon the other, with the crew of a bomber or a submarine.

As we drew to a standstill, three laughing young men in the jolly black berets of the Royal Tank Regiment climbed out and leaped to the ground.

"Rotten shooting Jack," said the loader. "Not so bad," said Jack. "I think we should have made it."

The driver strolled round and lit a cigarette. "Did you hit anything?" he asked innocently.

"No, but you did," they replied. "I suppose you had to take us through that pond twice just to show what a blinkin' awful driver you are."

Our steel prison was filled, with a deepening roar, and the tank began to move with a smooth, snaky motion, something between a small boat at sea and a fair-ground switchback.

Looking through the commander's plate-glass slit, I saw that we were advancing into a frozen pond.

The black ice splintered at the edges and air bubbles ran under the ice, which cracked with a noise I could not hear as we sank into the pond and ploughed our way up on the other side.

"Advance!"

We were now roaring along at

perhaps fifteen or twenty miles an hour. The target was on a distant hillside. The gunner held it in his telescopic gun-sight by revolving the turret, and, no matter how the tank dipped and rose, or swayed from side to side, his whole mind was bent on the task of keeping the guns on the target and the target in the hair-line of his sights.

"Fire!"

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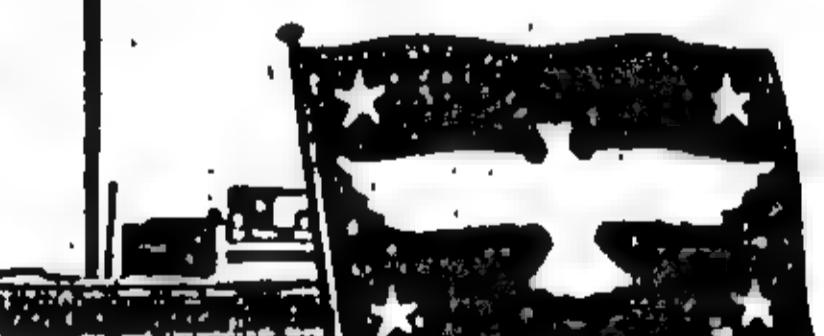
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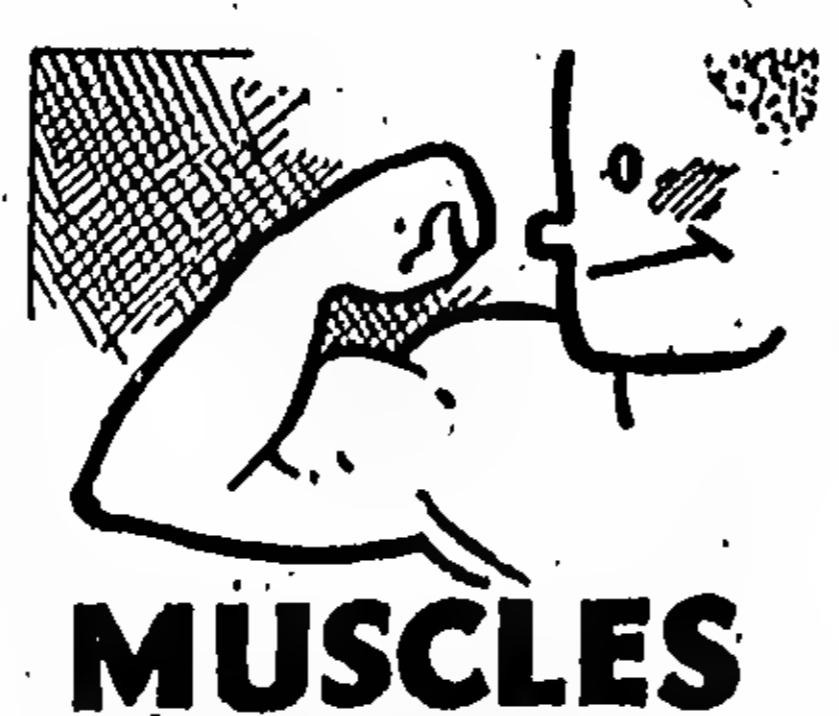
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HITLER AND BALKANS

THE stage is being set for the first military opposition to Hitler in his quest for the "peaceful" subjugation of the whole of southeast Europe. First move was Yugo-Slavia's repudiation of the tri-Power pact signed by her former Premier and Foreign Minister; then followed reported (and not officially denied) massing of British armed forces on Yugo-Slavia's southern frontier, and simultaneously Yugo-Slavia rushed troops to her Rumanian, Hungarian and Bulgarian borders, while the Nazis proceeded to concentrate armies on the other side of the frontiers. Since then events have been moving inexorably towards a final showdown.

Mussolini, thoroughly alarmed at the prospect of a belligerent Yugo-Slavia, aided by British men and materials, on the opposite side of the Adriatic Sea, has apparently appointed himself mediator between Belgrade and Berlin; Hitler, adopting his now transparent tactics, is filling his newspapers with stories of alleged Yugo-Slav atrocities upon the Germans. Equally significant, though perhaps less obvious in design, is the visit of Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill to Belgrade, and not to be ignored in these political-cum-military manoeuvres was the recent overture by Turkey to Yugo-Slavia indicating willingness to implement an alliance suggested some time ago, but which was then cold-shouldered.

The implication behind all this is that Hitler's days of overrunning the smaller nations by brutal intimidation are ended. He has been brought to a jolting and unexpected full stop in his quest for easy conquest of southeastern Europe. If he wishes to progress any further, he must fight, and it is conceivable, in view of his pronounced plans regarding the battle of the Atlantic, that a war front in the Balkans is the very last thing he desires. The reasons are crystal clear: it would entail the diversion of a not inconsiderable part of his Luftwaffe from their main field of operations—western Europe; it would

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Moustache Parade

Further extract from the diary of a journalist-turned soldier.

IN this place, men are men. They have upper lips as spiky as cacti.

There are soldiers in this camp who have not kissed a woman since childhood, for fear of stabbing her through the cheeks with the waxed ends of their stiletto-like moustachios.

There is a tale of a sergeant-major whose moustache, through thirty-five years of twisting and waxing, grew into a kind of horny substance with which, if enraged, he could rip people open.

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The man who told me about it is an old regular soldier. "He used to sleep with his old moustache in a little bag like a 'ammock' he said. "He himself had been trying to raise a similar proof of virility for years, but the thin, sandy soil of his lip yielded nothing but fluff.

We had not been in our new camp twenty-four hours before the foreign recruit whom we call Siberia was, as they say, "Stopped for his moustache."

He affected a row of bristles in the shape of an eyebrow, which the Lord from the Elephant and Castle described as "Nine 'airs and a nit."

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The Regimental Sergeant Major—a fatherly kind of man about whom the most insatiable grousers can find nothing to say—didn't know what to call it. He simply said: "Shave this morning!"

Siberia replied: "Yes, sir." Then the R.S.M., shaking his head sadly, said:

"Do something about that moustache, son. Cut it off, or else grow it. Don't leave it hanging about as it doesn't know whether it's coming or going."

Siberia said "Yes, sir," and a dark glint came into his little bright eyes. Later, he said:

"Cut it off or grow it, eh? Good, I shall grow it till I make Old Bill look like a chorus boy."

So he went out and bought a tube of moustache-pomade, and paged the hut feeling his lip.

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Next morning, the Kid from Widnes made a vast commotion over his shaving. He bathed his pink face until he was hung with a kind of Father Christmas beard of white suds. But he left his upper lip unshaved.

He wet his safety-razor, grasped himself by the left ear, scraped off soap, and said "Aha!"

We looked at him. "Mmmmm!" he said. "There's nothing like a shave toiven a man up."

He constricted his face very hideously, and got rid of more suds.

"One day I'll try some of that thur brushless cream . . . Maybe I'll get one of them thur cut-throats . . . You get a cleaner shave with one o' them thur cut-throats . . . And a bottle o' that thur lotion to take away the burn . . . Well, how does it look, Silence?"

"Smooth as an egg."

The Kid's face was, in fact, as smooth as an egg—a fried egg.

"How's me tash coming on?" he asked.

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"What tash?" asked Old Silence, rather astonished.

At this point, Old Meanie, rushing in, said: "Widnes, lend us your razor."

"Wipe it when you've finished," said the Kid from Widnes. He bustled into the hut, borrowed a mirror from a Corporal, and examined his face; grabbed Siberia's tube of moustache-pomade, and plastered his upper lip with it.

"A tash should be trained," he said. "I'm going to grow a proper tash, a colonel's tash, all brushed up, like."

The Corporal said, "Mind you don't grow that tash too long, or it'll get in your gas-mask and suffocate you."

The Kid from Widnes looked grave.

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Then Old Meanie came back, and said, "Funny, ha?"

"What d'you mean, funny?" asked the Kid.

"That razor."

"You fussy git," said the Kid from Widnes. "If it's good enough for me, it's good enough for you."

"Yeah? Well, it's got no blade in it!"

"Oh," said the Kid from Widnes.

enable Britain to set up valuable air bases for attacks on vital industrial Nazi cities in the east; it would spell the final overthrow of Mussolini in Albania; it would offer splendid opportunities for wholesale sabotage by antagonistic Rumanians and Bulgarians; and even if his armies succeeded in making some progress in Yugo-Slavia, it would cost them heavily in men and materials, neither of which would Hitler find easy to replace.

War in the Balkans does not present a very healthy prospect for Germany.



PARIS UNDER THE GERMANS

By Polly Peabody

The Parisians of to-day are prisoners of war under the vigilant watch of an army of gaolers. They can hardly call anything their own, and their enemy is the arbiter of their every action.

At first the French were stunned by the blow of sudden defeat. They blamed their leaders, who had, they felt, betrayed them, and cursed their own blindness and the mistakes of these last years.

Now the reaction has set in. They have learned their lesson under the pressure of the German boot. As a result, they are determined to resist their invader with the only weapons left at their command—their wit and their intelligence. The Germans have conquered the country, but they have not conquered the people, for they have utterly failed to understand the French mentality.

To-day Paris is a sad and depressing sight. It is more reminiscent of a garrison town than one of the world's most delightful cities. Bullet-grey cars roar up and down the Champs Elysees; troops crowd the pavements; sentries, saluting and heel clicking, stand at attention at the doors of hotels and apartment houses which have been requisitioned by the army of occupation. The Swastika flies over every famous building in the city as a bitter and constant reminder of the German triumph.

War On The Walls

Yet in Paris is a war being waged—not a spectacular war, but efficient in its purpose. It is the war of scribbles on the walls, of hisses and catcalls in the darkness of the theatre and cinema, of knowing smiles, of subtle double meanings in conversation—these undermine all Hitler's propaganda efforts. The thousands of posters which paper the walls of the city serve as an outlet for a growing anger. The Parisians never miss an occasion to scratch sarcastic comments above the very words that are supposed to win over their allegiance, "Vive De Gaulle!"

and "Vive Churchill, a mort Hitler!" as well as "Vichy a vendu la France aux Allemands" . . . are scratched on walls and window-panes; and under cover of darkness anti-British posters are torn down.

But the iron grip is tightening, and severe punishments are inflicted for any infringement of the rules or for any apparently unfriendly attitude. Many offenders are shot. When the culprit cannot be found some innocent person is shot in his place and the local community heavily fined in sums ranging up to a million francs. Paris cinemas are closed for weeks when Axis personalities are hissed on the screen.

The writer of this article is a young American who has just reached London after many adventures in war-time Europe. She spent the last three months before her departure for England working in the American Red Cross Hospital in Paris.

The ingenious Parisians have found ways of escape from many unfamiliar difficulties which are now inflicted upon them. One of them is the problem of transportation. Taxis and buses no longer exist. Cycling or walking is the only substitute. As bicycles are few, it is not unusual to see a man pedalling hard with his wife in a little trailer behind.

With most of the shops empty and the German occupation mark still greatly mistrusted by the French, a system of barter has sprung up in Paris. A few eggs are exchanged for knitting wool, a few lumps of coal for a little oil, a piece of soap for almost anything. The acute shortage of food taxes the skill of the French cook, who, without the necessary ingredients, still feels he must save his reputation.

Shortage Of Food

Food cards are issued and rations are growing smaller. There are long waiting lines in the streets outside the markets. Housewives often stand in the cold for hours, only to return home empty-handed.

The iron discipline of the German army has made itself felt. Speed and efficiency have become the mode in Paris. French policemen were given long white gloves to direct the traffic in German style. In restaurants, erstwhile slow waiters fairly sprinted from table to kitchen. German rules must be obeyed. Any lingering after curfew hour lands the offender in polishing Nazi boots or peeling potatoes until five o'clock in the morning. A woman who crosses an avenue outside the pedestrian zone was, as a lesson, escorted back and forth ten times by a Nazi official. A ray of light from a window in a black-out may bring a revolver bullet through one of the panes. Yet the soul of Paris and of France still lives. The people parades over the whole length of the goose-stepping Nazis and their friends, will triumph, and the sound of heavy German music, the Parisians turn their heads to avoid looking at a picture which breaks their hearts, overthrow of the hated Boche.

Japanese Release Lighters

Shanghai Incident

SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Just 24 hours after dentolent, the Japanese naval authorities yesterday released seven lighters belonging to three foreign concerns, several native lighters and approximately 600 tons of general merchandise consigned by Chinese and foreign shippers to Hongkong, Rangoon and Calcutta by the British steamer, Helen Moller, according to the "North China Daily News."

It is understood that three of the seven foreign lighters belonged to British firms.

The release, it is reported, followed discussions between the Foreign Consuls concerned and competent Japanese authorities.

Quoting a Chinese source, the newspaper says that the Japanese acted on the assumption that the cargo involved was destined for Chungking.

Menzies In Belfast

Essence Of Living

BELFAST, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Declarating that "the tyranny of a man over Italian and German minds is one of the saddest things in history," Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, in a speech here, gave as an instance Libya which he described as "one of the most miserable and worthless desert countries any man ever laid eyes on."

The Australians, who had cleared it, had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more. What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white," he added.

CHINA WAR

Japanese Base At Nanchang Menaced

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—After having mopped up the remnant Japanese units in the Kuan-Feng-sin area in northern Kiangsi, Chinese columns are giving hot chase to the Japanese fleeing eastward. The vanguard of Chinese troops are preparing to launch an assault on Nanchang.

The Japanese advance inland from Lukfung in south Kwangtung has been effectively checked. A Japanese unit, driving northward from Kungping to Sunkang on March 31 was beaten back with severe losses.

Another Japanese detachment attacking Pukuo east of Lukfung is now engaged by the Chinese.

In northern Kiangsu, the Japanese at Hwaihan on the Grand Canal recently made repeated attacks on Chinchia-chuan, south-east of the city, but failed in their drives.

More than 100 casualties were inflicted upon Japanese detachment attacking Wangchow south of Kaomi in Chinchia-chuan, southern Kiangsu, following a severe clash with the Chinese, who also captured numerous arms including rifles and machine-guns.

Along Yangtze

SOUTH ANHWEI, Apr. 3 (Central News).—The Japanese counter-attack in the Pengtsh area on the south bank of the Yangtze in north-east Kiangsu launched at the end of last month has been repulsed with losses.

Under cover of a heavy artillery bombardment, a large Japanese detachment on the morning of March 30 attacked Chinese positions south of Pengtsh, but was thrown back.

A Japanese unit pushing from Malukow south of Pengtsh to Sung-chia-tui on March 29 was likewise repelled.

"Bisley" Meeting

Splendid Shooting By /Corporal Allo

REMARKABLE SHOOTING was at the Kowloon City Range yesterday when the third day's events in the Bisley meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association were held. The outstanding feature was provided by L/Cpl Allo, Royal Engineers, who headed the list of final 20 qualifiers for the Association Service Rifle Championship and then put up a magnificent effort when he totalled 48 of possible 50.

Results:

Prize Match, Uttern Challenge Cup—1. Headquarters Middlesex, 321; 2. H.M.S. Tamar, 309; 3. 5/7th Rajput (3) 308; 4. 5/7th Rajput (1) 302; 5. Headquarters Middlesex, 299; 6. 5/7th Rajput (2) 298; 7. G Coy Middlesex and 5/7th Rajput (4) 277 each; 8. G Coy Royal Scots (14) 263; 10. A Coy Middlesex 262; 11. G Coy Royal Scots (12) 260; 12. Port Middlesex (1) 259; 13. 5/7th Rajput (1) 258; 14. G Coy Royal Scots (17) 212; 15. B Coy Middlesex 211.

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Service Rifle Championship for the Gargaline Challenge Cup—L/Cpl Allo (R.E.)

Maching Gun Match—1. 5/7th Rajput (2) 16; 2. 5/7th Rajput (3) 14; 3. 5/7th Rajput (1) 13; 4. Headquarters Middlesex (1) 9; 5. G Coy Royal Scots (1) 8; 6. 5/7th Rajput (4) 6; 7. Middlesex (2) 6; 8. No 3 Coy (H.K.V.D.C.) 6; 9. 5/7th Rajput (1) 6; 10. Don Coy Royal Scots (1) 5.

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Machine Gun Match—1. 5/7th Rajput (2) 16; 2. 5/7th Rajput (3) 14; 3. 5/7th Rajput (1) 13; 4. Headquarters Middlesex (1) 9; 5. G Coy Royal Scots (1) 8; 6. 5/7th Rajput (4) 6; 7. Middlesex (2) 6; 8. No 3 Coy (H.K.V.D.C.) 6; 9. 5/7th Rajput (1) 6; 10. Don Coy Royal Scots (1) 5.

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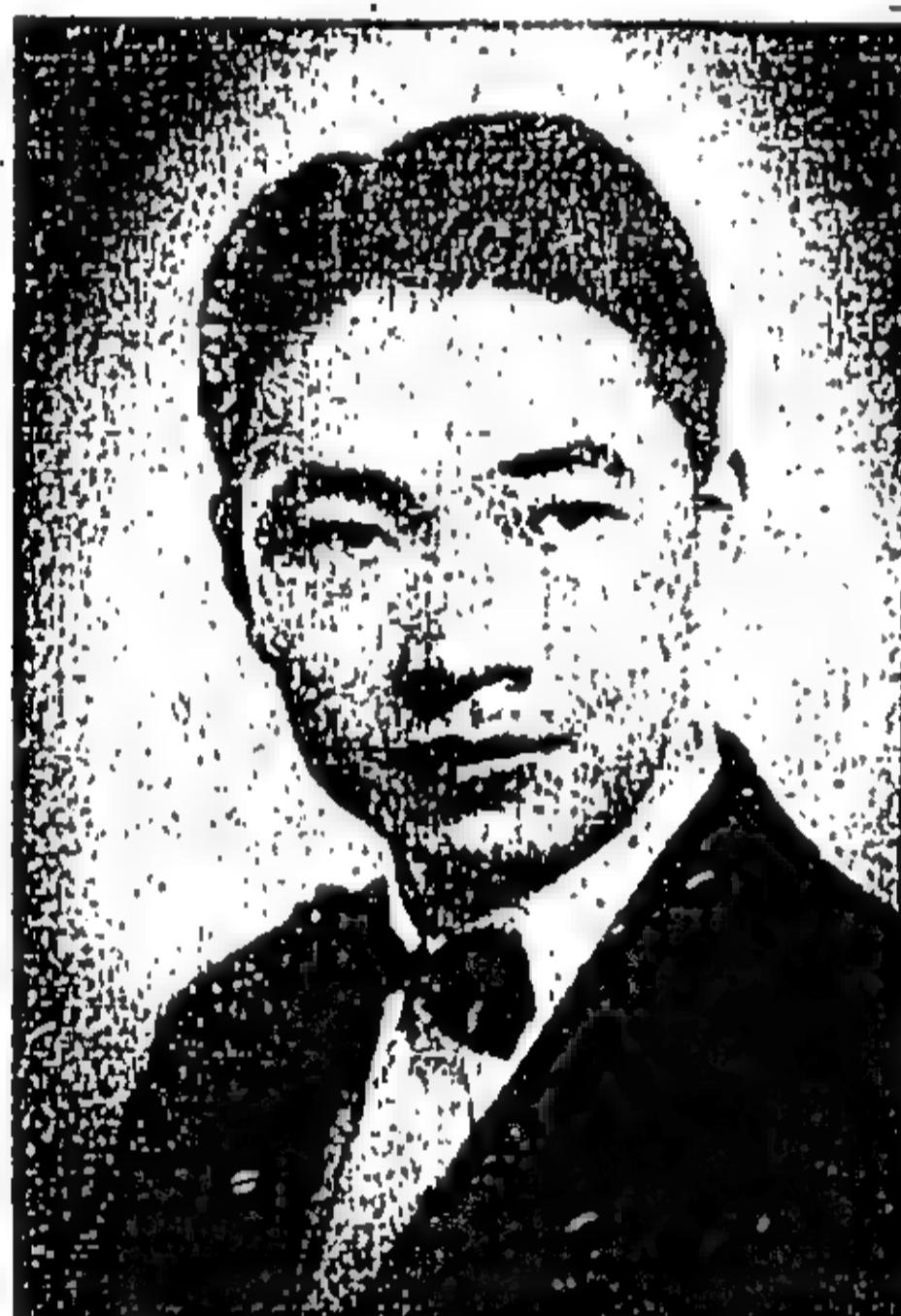
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By Ernie Bushmiller



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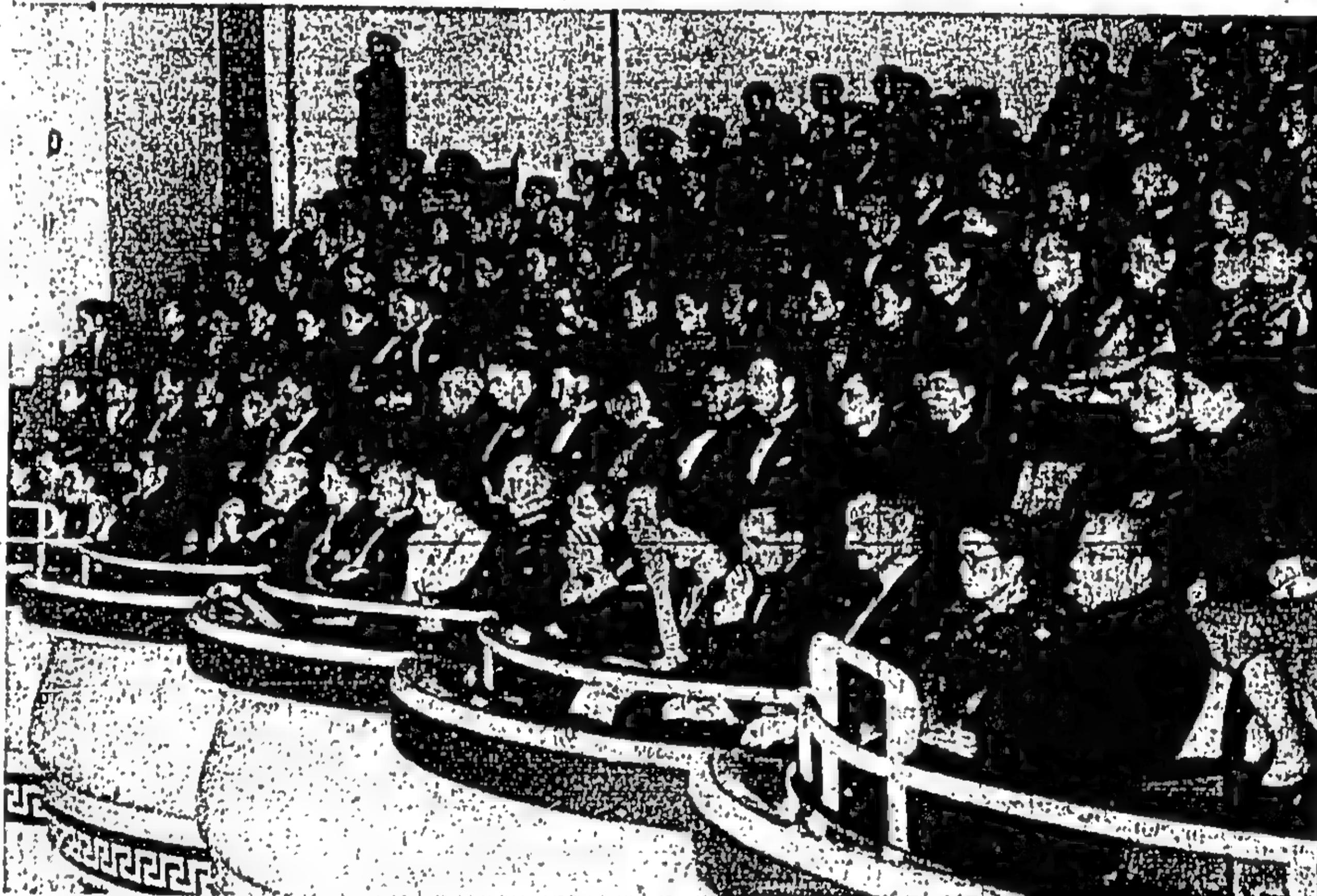
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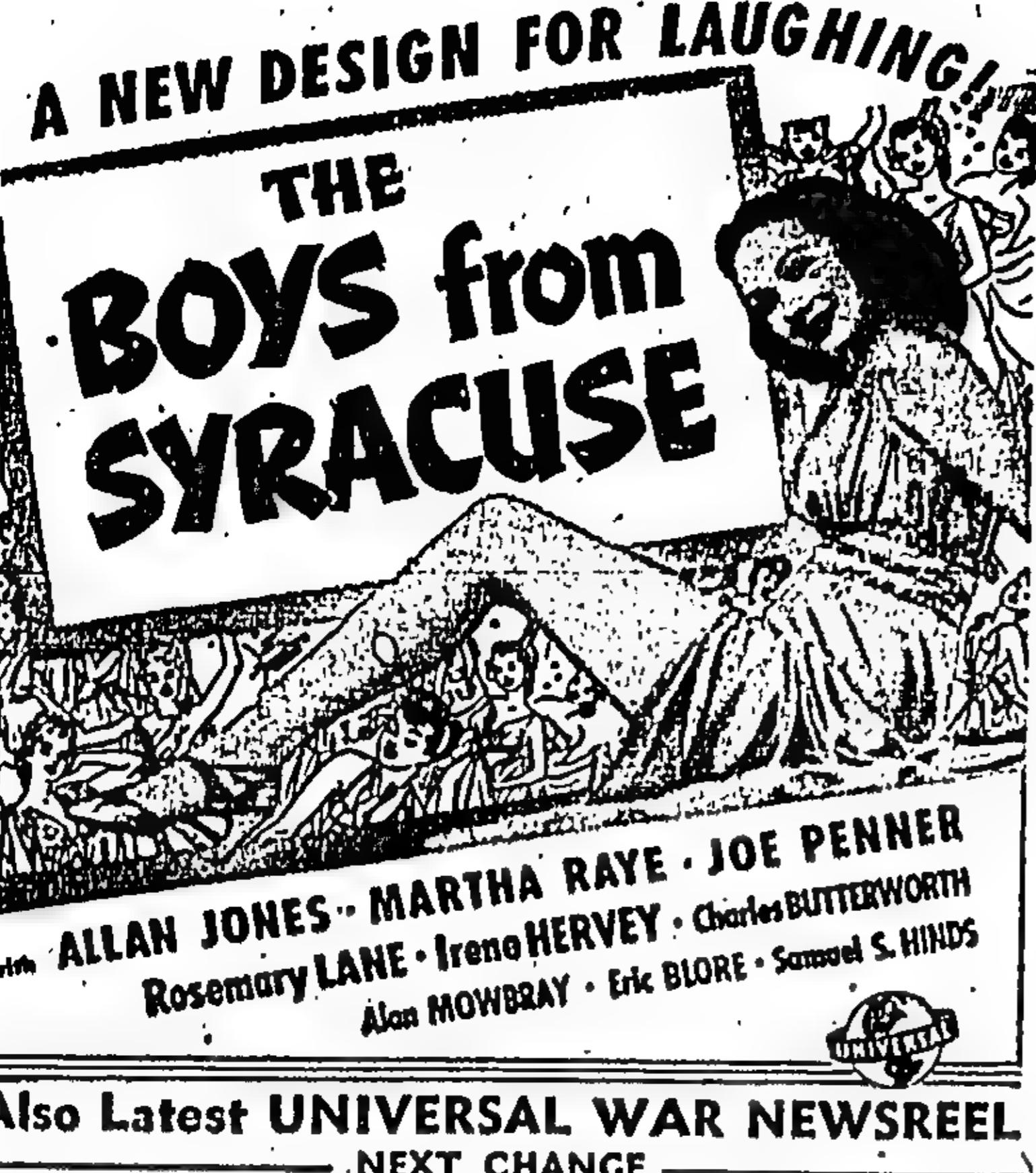
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Fall Of Massawa Not Yet Confirmed

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successfully engaged an enemy force, killing 28 and capturing 60.

"In Eastern Somaliland, patrols engaged a force of Armed Bonda. The enemy lost 10 killed and 90 captured. Rifles, eight machine-guns and 100 camels were also taken. Our casualties were nil."

"On the Harrar front, the advance on Addis Ababa is being maintained."

Hearing Truth

NAIROBI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Italians in East Africa are now hearing the facts of the war situation.

A daily news bulletin in Italian is being broadcast in Italian Somaliland and in Abyssinia from Nairobi.

The British authorities have started an Italian newspaper in Mogadisio which gives the main war news, including British, German and Italian communiques.

Minor Engagements

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The spokesman described the operations in Libya as "minor engagements of no particular importance. Our forward troops have withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia, 90 miles from Benghazi."

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Rioting and looting by Italian colonial troops in Asmara preceded the entry of British Imperial forces into the Eritrean capital said a British military spokesman here to-night.

To ensure the safety of Italian families in Asmara, the Italian Bishop and the Chief of Police appealed to the British to occupy the town and restore order.

This is the first tangible sign of serious domestic trouble threatening the remaining Italian forces in East Africa.

The spokesman said that South African troops were increasing their pressure after capturing Mlesso.

It is expected in Cairo that Addis Ababa will be declared an open town owing to the large number of Italian women and children there.

Capture of Mlesso

NAIROBI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The official communiqué giving news of the capture of Mlesso pays tribute to the co-operation in Abyssinia of forces under the command of the Air Officer Commanding in Aden.

It says: "These aircraft have carried out many successful attacks on the enemy's rear areas and communications."

Budapest Situation Is Tense

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pressure on Hungary to break with Yugo-Slavia.

One of Count Teleki's proudest successes was his agreement with Yugo-Slavia, removing the causes of political friction between the two countries and establishing a basis of peaceful collaboration in mutual confidence and economic understanding.

Friendship With Yugo-Slavia

Germany evidently cannot tolerate friendship between her vassal, Hungary, and independent, spirited Yugo-Slavia and Count Teleki, who had shown courage and conscientiousness in administration, felt the struggle between his principles and German pressure more than he could face. He has taken the way out that seemed to him easier.

There are many politicians in Budapest who might be willing tools of Germany but Admiral Horthy is also a man of independent mould and his choice of a successor to Count Teleki may delay, if it does not circumvent, the German plans.

Attitude of Bulgars

Bulgarians who also were very delighted with their pact of perpetual friendship with Yugo-Slavia are similarly being dragged into opposition. The Bulgarian-Serbian rapprochement was a very real thing and had greatly contributed to the pacification of the Balkans.

The Germans will not find it easy to poison the relations between the two peoples even if they drive the Bulgarians into an appearance of open enmity.

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—After an absence of more than a year, Baron J. Guillaume, the Belgian Ambassador to China, returned here this morning by air from Hongkong.

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Offensive Sentence In Jane's Issue

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Aircraft Production issued the following announcement to-day:

"The attention of the Ministry of Aircraft Production has been brought to a picture caption in the new issue of Jane's 'All, The World's Aircraft' inimical to the friendly relations existing between Britain and the United States. Neither the publication itself nor the principal Editor, Mr C. G. Grey, has any official status.

The publishers have stated that they are recalling all copies of the publication with a view to removing the offensive sentences."

Italian Eludes Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Italian freighter, Himalaya, 6,240 tons, arrived here to-day direct from Somaliland.

Camouflaged but unarmed, she is the second Italian ship to arrive at Rio since the war.

The German freighter, Babilonga, 4,422 tons, cleared the Customs at Santos on Wednesday with a cargo of fuel and is expected to leave soon.

Feverish preparation for departure is still reported from a North Brazilian port, where seven Italian cargo ships are laid up.

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BELGRADE PREPARES FOR AIR RAIDS: NAZIS MASSING ON FRONTIER

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, APR. 3 (UP).—RADIO BELGRADE ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED BELGRADE AN OPEN CITY AND THERE WILL BE A BLACK OUT TO-NIGHT WHEN THE SIRENS SOUND. IT IS RUMOURED IN MANY QUARTERS THAT THE GERMANS ARE CONCENTRATING AN AIR FORCE NEAR THE YUGO-SLAV FRONTIER.

200,000 Nazi Troops Massed on Border

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (UP).—Balkan travellers cabled to the "United Press," eyewitness reports that Germany has massed over 200,000 crack troops in Rumania near the Yugo-Slavian frontier. A very reliable eyewitness said that the Nazi forces are concentrated mainly along a 100 mile stretch of the frontier from Timisoara to Turnu-Severin.

MARIBOR AIR RAID ALARM

ZAGREB, Apr. 3 (UP).—The air raid alarm sounded for a few minutes at noon time to-day at Maribor when a foreign fighter plane flew over the town at a very high altitude and disappeared after anti-aircraft guns had opened fire.

NAZIS APPRECIATE SERIOUSNESS

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—An authorised German military source said to-day that the British may have landed a total of 350,000 troops in Greece. He indicated that the High Command appreciated the seriousness of the Balkan outlook. He asserted that Australian and New Zealand troops had taken up positions in north Greece facing the Yugo-Slavian and Bulgarian frontiers.

Nazis May Have To Forfeit Ships

Sabotaging Crewmen On High Bail

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BOSTON, Apr. 4 (UP).—Unusually high bail, totalling \$450,000 has been fixed for five officers and five seamen of the German tanker Pauline Frederick, arraigned to-day, but who refused to plead to sabotage charges.

The Federal Attorney, Mr Edmund Brandon, said the defendants refused to plead "presumably at the instigation of a representative of a Government of which they are nationals."

Diplomats Involved

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, was asked whether or not Axis diplomats had ordered sabotage on the ships which were seized, and he replied, "the facts speak for themselves." He asserted that all legal aspects regarding the seizures, including the possible forfeiture to the American Government are under study, adding, "If they had not have damaged the ships, the chances are that we would never have taken them over."

Returns From Hunt

CALLAO, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Peruvian cruiser Grau returned to-day after hunting for the crews from the German freighters Muenchen, 3,315 tons and Hermanns, 2,810 tons, which were afloat and abandoned last Wednesday afternoon at Paro. It is rumoured that a Canadian cruiser is in the vicinity.

GESTAPO'S REPRISALS

More Americans In Berlin Arrested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—At least seven, and possibly more, United States citizens were arrested during the night. Nazis admitted the action was "not impossible" a reprisal for the seizure of German ships in United States ports.

The police intimated that all have been released, some during the late evening and others this morning, after they had been held incommunicado at the Alexander Platz headquarters of the Gestapo.

All seven men have resided in Germany for a considerable time, the majority of them being students, engaged in no gainful occupation.

The Rev. Stewart Herman, Pastor of the American Church in Berlin was also arrested in his apartment Wednesday evening but was quickly released.

Importance of Dollars To Britain's Cause

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The effect of the Lease and Lend Bill on United Kingdom export policy was dealt with by Captain Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, replying to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

This country, he said, needs a contribution of first-rate importance and more supplies of every kind from the United States. The British Government are grateful for the ungrudging aid they have already received and are fortified by the assurance which the Lease and Lend Act provides for the continued supplies of essential goods.

Experience, he thought, would have demonstrated to them our ability to turn to our advantage which the

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77 Survivors Rescued

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SANTA CRUZ, TENERIFFE, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Spanish trans-Atlantic steamer Cabo Illescas arrived here to-day from Buenos Aires with 77 members of the crew of the British steamer Britannia (8,800 tons), which was sunk by the German armed auxiliary cruiser *Corsair* on March 24, some 700 miles west of Sierra Leone.

The Britannia had a crew of 480, including some soldiers, and it is feared that they have been lost. Many of them perished in the shark infested waters from shark attacks and exposure, since the men were in life boats and on rafts for five days before they were picked up. The majority of the arrivals have been taken to hospital.

Fall of Massawa Reported, But Not Yet Confirmed

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (UP).—The military spokesman to-day said the report that Massawa had fallen had not been confirmed, but he added that British troops are pressing on toward that point from Asmara.

He asserted that the tempo of the advance in Eritrea and Abyssinia was quickening rapidly with definite signs of the Italians cracking. He thought it likely that Addis Ababa will be declared an open town.

AXIS MAY ATTEMPT LYBIAN OFFENSIVE

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is strongly suspected here that the Germans will attempt some sort of offensive in Libya, coincident with the ripening of the Balkan situation, in order to deter the British from sending any substantial forces from Libya to Greece.

The fact that the R.A.F. raided Tripoli harbour four times in five nights, as well as attacking motor transport in Tripolitania on Tuesday night, is an advance indication that the military situation in this sector is rapidly developing.

Strong Axis Forces

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (UP).—It is officially stated that British troops have evacuated Benghazi. The text of the General Headquarters communiqué reads: "In the face of a determined advance by strong German and Italian troops, disposing numerous tanks, and in pursuance of the policy successfully adopted at Sidi Barrani of waiting to choose our own battlefield, our light covering detachments have been withdrawn to selected, concentrated areas."

It is officially reported that the British inflicted "considerable casualties" on enemy personnel and tanks west of Benghazi.

London Disappointed

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The evacuation of Benghazi is a bitter blow, and was unexpected in London, TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Thai-French Battle Dead

BANGKOK, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—The Thai Government have announced that 99 Thailand soldiers were killed in the border conflict with Indo-China since the outbreak of hostilities in November to the signing of the mediation agreement on March 10, states a Japanese report.

The number of wounded is said to be small.

The announcement estimated that the Indo-Chinese dead totalled between 700 and 800.

Brooke-Popham Leaves Manila

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Apr. 4 (UP).—Chief Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and staff left for Hongkong at 9.30 a.m. ending a two-day visit to the highest United States defence officials. The "Herald" quoted the Air Marshal as stating that he was returning to Manila on April 8 or 9 when he would stay for several days.

He said, "my visit was most interesting," however, he refused to elaborate on the conversations.

LATEST

Conte Verde Gets Ready For Dash

SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Everything points to the palatial Italian liner *Conte Verde* here making an early dash for Japan similar to the German steamer *Ramses* which left on March 31. The *Conte Verde*, which is the only large Axis ship left here has been busy taking on fuel, water and foodstuffs for the past two days.

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Colony Population, Excluding Numbers 1,444,725, Latest Census Shows

The recent census of the Colony's population undertaken by the Corps of Air Raid Precautions shows that the total number of people on the Island of Hongkong and the Kowloon Peninsula is 1,444,725 of all nationalities. This was revealed by the Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions, Mr. B. H. Puckle, at a Press interview this morning.

The totals are: Hongkong Island 709,294; Kowloon 581,431; Water-borne, 154,000.

These figures do not take into account the population of the New Territories, where no census was taken, but it is estimated that the population there is between 120,000 and 150,000.

Though the figures cannot be hundred per cent correct, they are as nearly so as possible. There was every co-operation on the part of the public in this task, which made the work of the Air Raid Wardens so much easier.

No figures can yet be released as to the density of the population in any particular area, as these have still to be checked and tabulated, but it is considered that the Central area of the city will show the thickest population.

Previous Figures

The last census, taken in 1931, showed that the Colony's total population then, including the New Territories, was 849,551, of which 821,429 were Chinese and 28,322 Non-Chinese.

Mr. Puckle stated that the erection of pen-shelters on the Island was almost completed, and the A.R.P. Department was now looking for strongly built buildings where the verandah pavement can be used as shelters in between the verandah pillars and the building itself.

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Macao Man Sentenced

MACAO, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Fernando Rodrigues, a prominent local merchant known throughout the Far East, was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment by Judge Mascarenhas when found guilty of the attempted murder of Mr. Gustavo Nolasco last June.

Rodrigues' social standing caused tremendous interest to be displayed in the case.

NO ITALIAN ACTIVITY

ATHENS, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Government announced: "There was no Italian activity yesterday on the Albanian front. The Italians are rushing fortification of their positions and improving their lines of communication."

Italy Loses Two More Destroyers

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The sinking of two more Italian destroyers is reported in an Admiralty communiqué.

It says that the C-in-C East Indies, reports that an Italian destroyer was sunk by naval aircraft and another lost in a sinking condition. Both these destroyers recently left Massawa.

These enemy losses, adds the communiqué, are additional to the Italian destroyer of the *Pantera* class, the destruction of which was announced on Wednesday.

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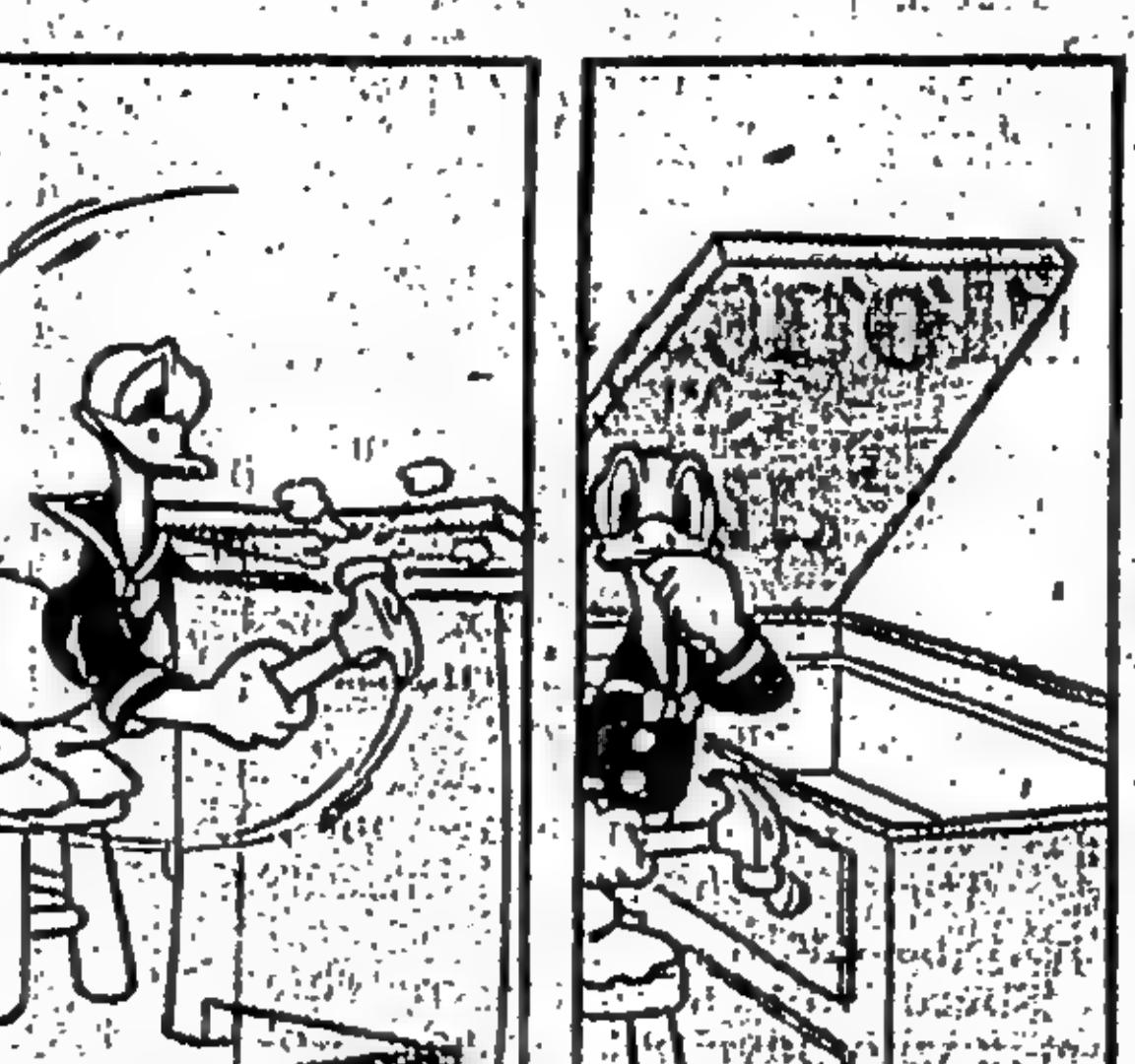
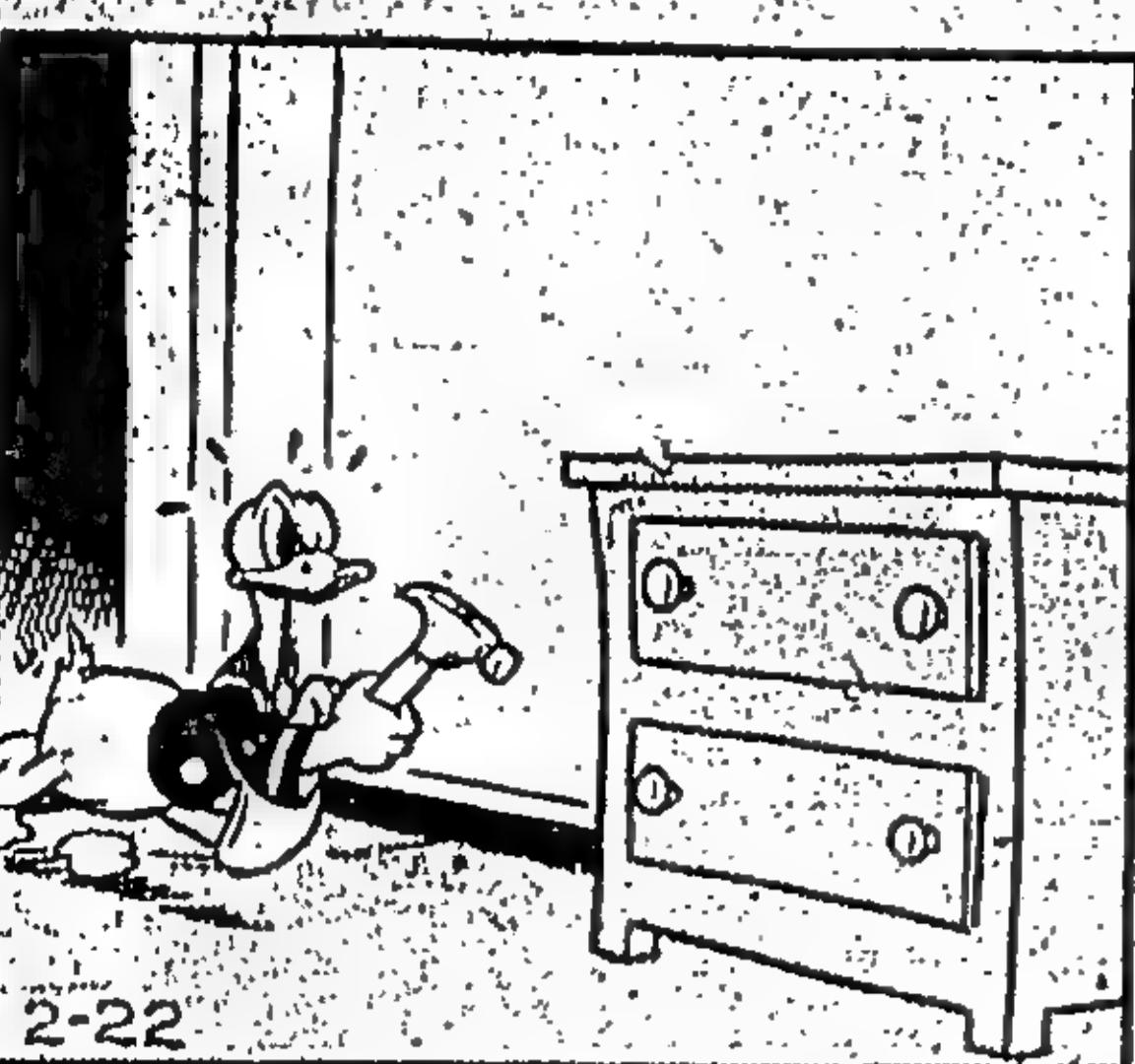
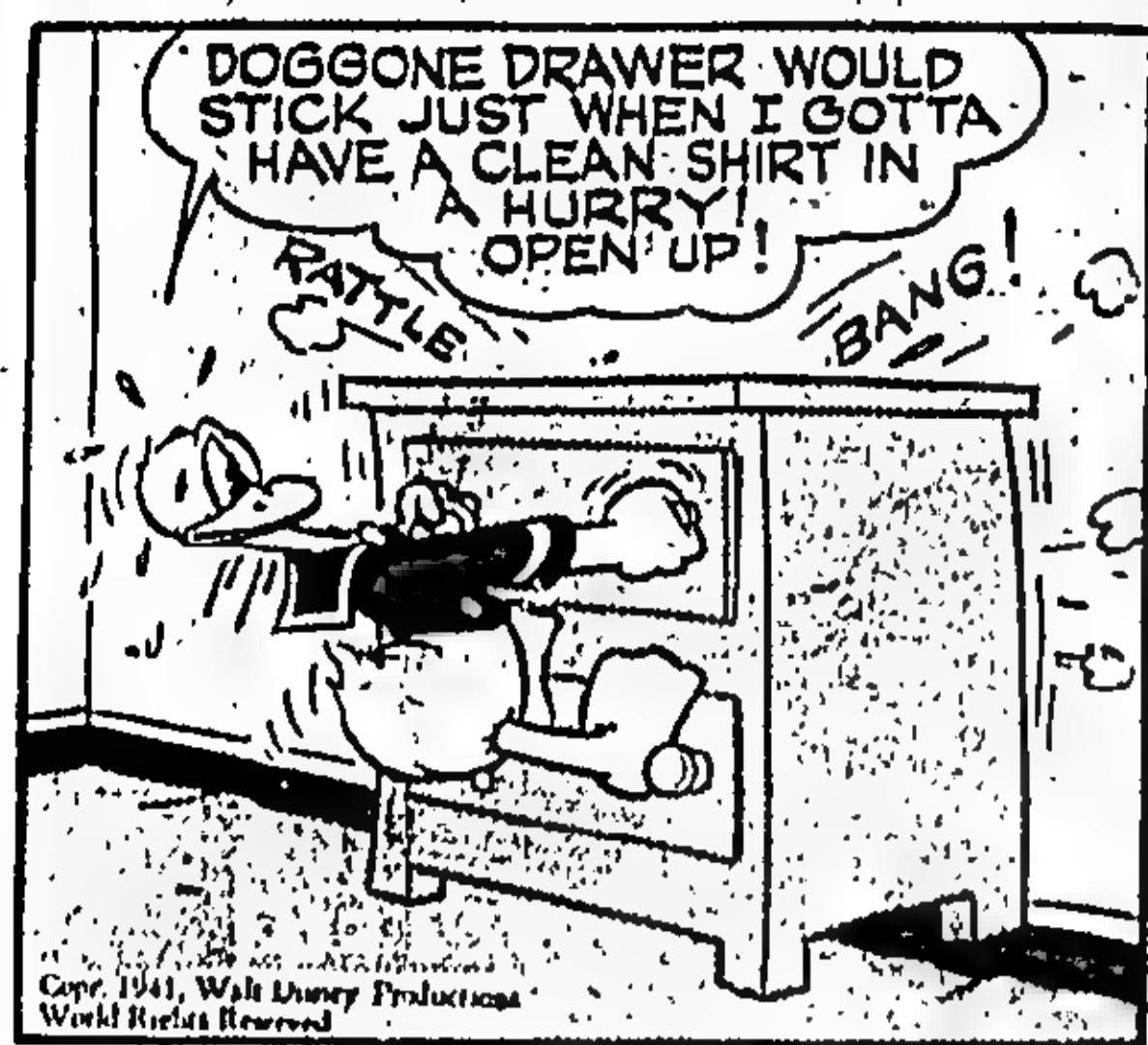
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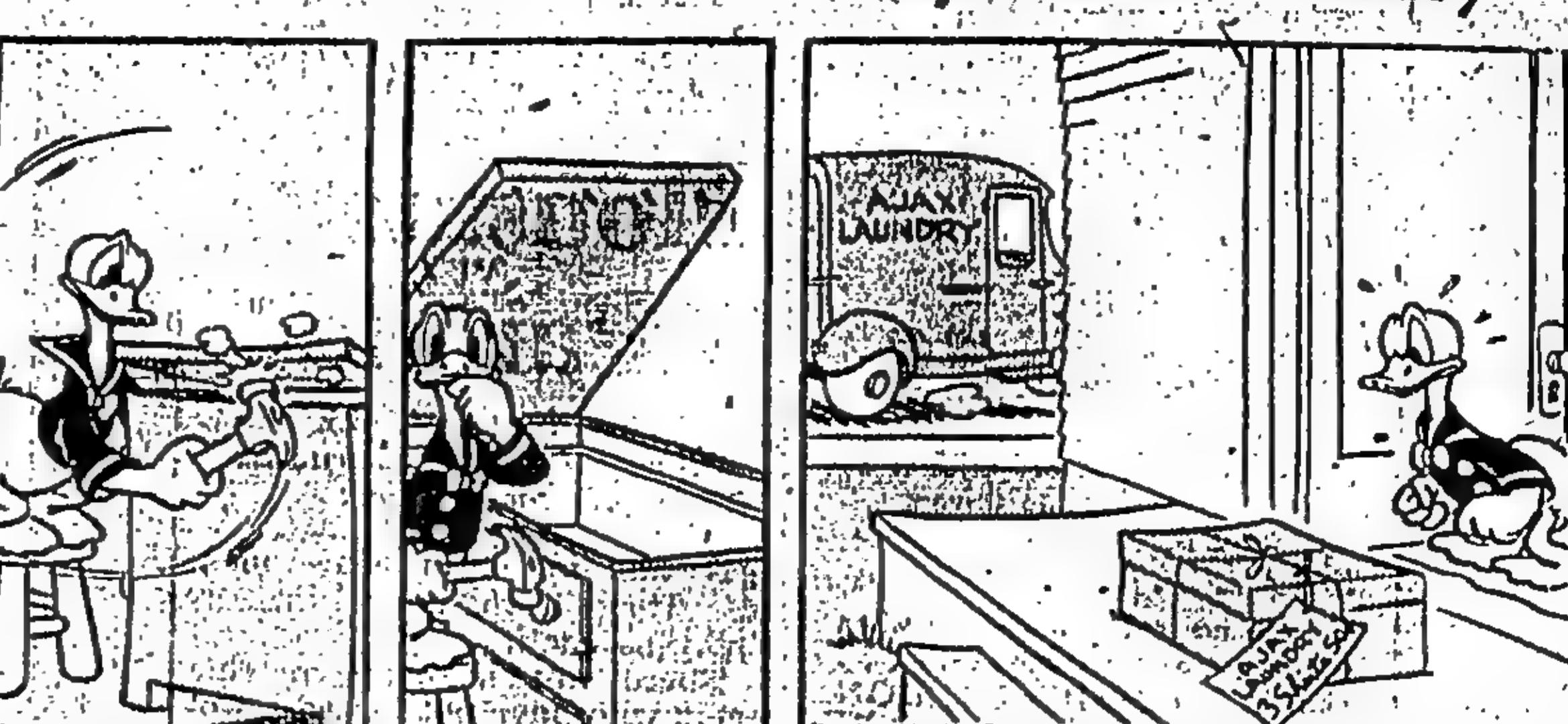
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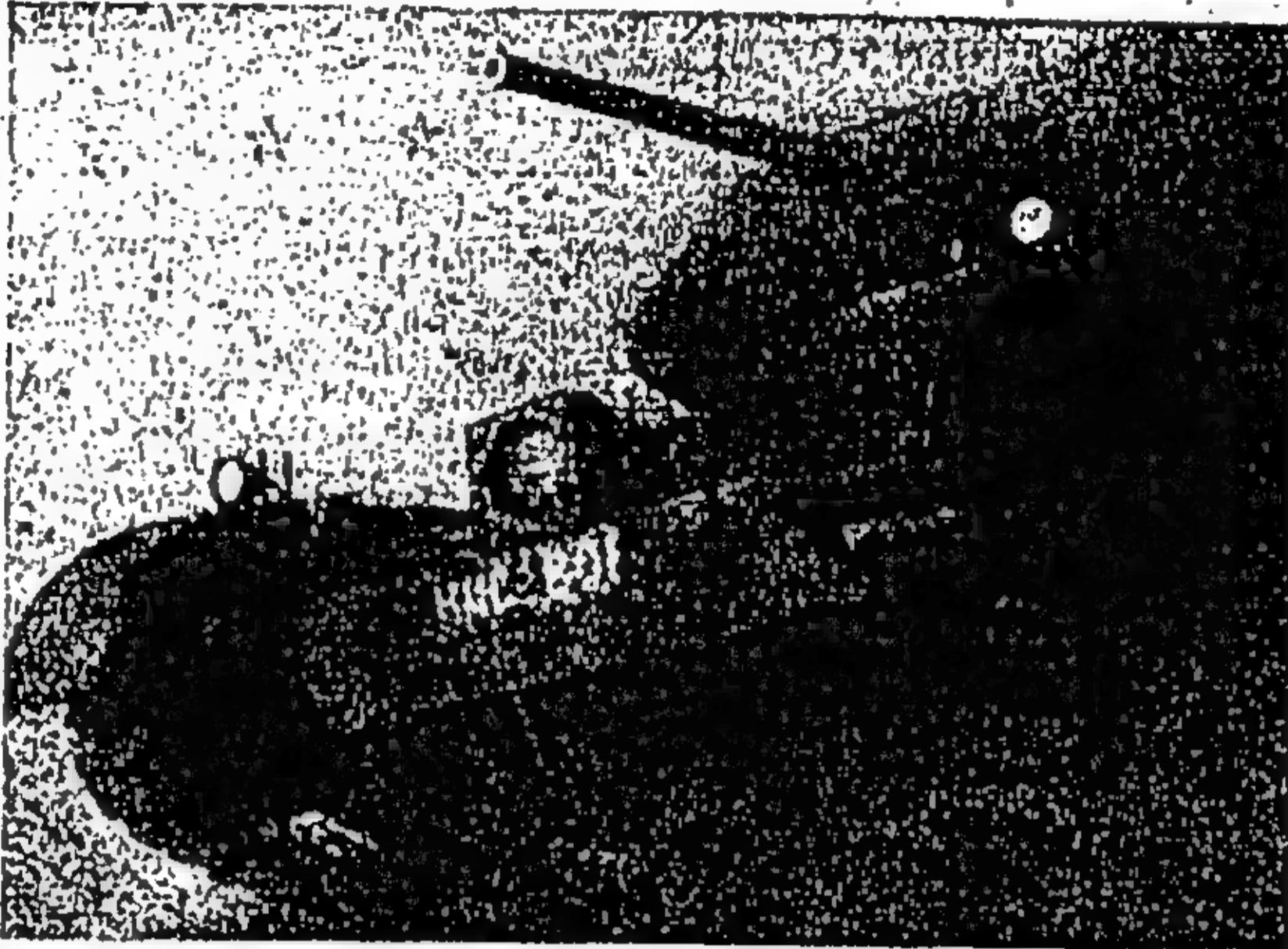


OUR GREAT NEW ARMY SIXTH ARTICLE

By
H. V. Morton

I WANT to introduce you to a man in the Army whose part in mechanised ground warfare is equivalent to that of a Spitfire pilot in the air. He is the tank gunner.

His job is one of the most important in the mechanised Army. There are thousands of these young men in the Royal Armoured Corps, and thousands more are in training. Their skill in a most difficult branch of gunnery is paramount, if tanks are to be successful in action.



A tank emerges from a smoke screen with its gun seeking range.

"Fire!" shouted the man with the telephone.

The gunner pressed the trigger, there was an ear-splitting crack, the shell case shot into a canvas bag, the tank filled with a faint smell of cordite that was instantly blown out by fans, and far off on the hillside the brown earth spurt up in front of the target.

We were now running past the target. The gun turret kept swinging round to the rear, and three times came the crack; and three shells plastered the target, dead on.

The tank suddenly swerved, dipped its nose into a pit, and, turning its own length, began to run back at full speed. I should think we were travelling at thirty miles an hour.

The guns nosed up, moving independently of the body of the tank, and as we again came in view of the target the gunner opened up with his machine-gun and a steady stream of bullets spattered up all round it.

We performed other evolutions. We roared full-speed into a dip of ground and lay hidden, like some prehistoric monster waiting for its prey.

Then our guns crept up on the target, and we just had time to see a direct hit before we roared off and away.

While all this was going on what impressed me was the superb team work necessary between the members of the crew if a tank is to preserve itself in action.

One slack or inefficient member and that tank is in fearful peril with all the lives inside it.

The tank is a partially blind, almost totally deaf, monster, impregnable against some forms of attack, easily vulnerable to others.

Repartee

And as I saw these men at action stations I compared them, for courage and inter-dependence one upon the other with the crew of a bomber or a submarine.

As we drew to a standstill, three laughing young men in the jaunty black berets of the Royal Tank Regiment climbed out and leaped to the ground.

"Rotten shooting Jack," said the loader.

"Not so bad," said Jack. "I think we should have made it."

The driver strolled round and lit a cigarette.

"Did you hit anything?" he asked innocently.

"No, but you did," they replied.

"I suppose you had to take us

through that pond twice just to show what a blinkin' awful driver you are!"

How Long?

And as they stood chipping one another, I thought to myself: "Here we have the modern version of the Three Musketeers."

But what a monstrous injustice it is that the man behind the guns of that tank, the man whose eye and judgment can condemn the crew to death or bring them brilliantly through to safety, should be penalised by a strip of Whitchell tape.

How long must we wait in the middle of a war for this injustice to be righted?

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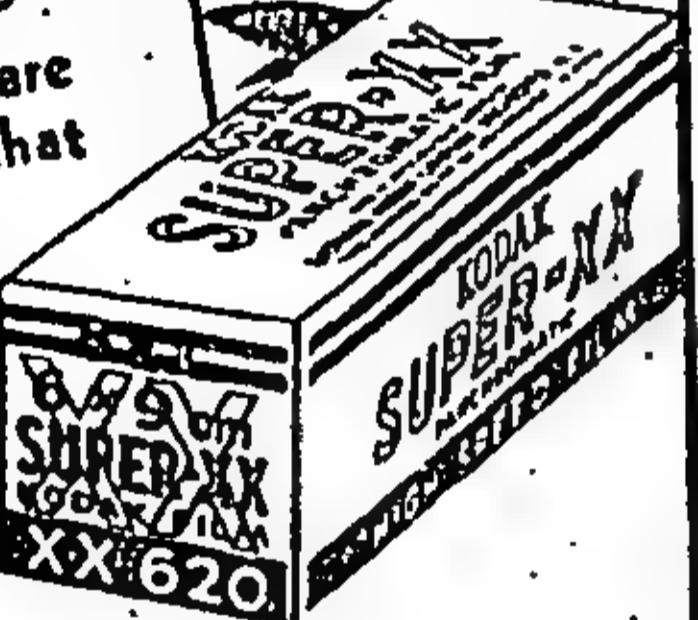
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HITLER AND BALKANS

THE stage is being set for the first military opposition to Hitler in his quest for the "peaceful" subjugation of the whole of southeast Europe. First move was Yugo-Slavia's repudiation of the tri-Power pact signed by her former Premier and Foreign Minister; then followed reported (and not officially denied) "massing" of British armed forces on Yugo-Slavia's southern frontier, and simultaneously Yugo-Slavia rushed troops to her Rumanian, Hungarian and Bulgarian borders, while the Nazis proceeded to concentrate armies on the other side of the frontiers. Since then events have been moving inexorably towards a final showdown.

Mussolini, thoroughly alarmed at the prospect of a belligerent Yugo-Slavia, aided by British men and materials, on the opposite side of the Adriatic Sea, has apparently appointed himself mediator between Belgrade and Berlin; Hitler, adopting his now transparent tactics, is filling his newspapers with stories of alleged Yugo-Slav atrocities upon the Germans. Equally significant, though perhaps less obvious in design, is the visit of Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill to Belgrade, and not to be ignored in these political - cum - military manoeuvres was the recent overture by Turkey to Yugo-Slavia indicating willingness to implement an alliance suggested some time ago, but which was then cold-shouldered.

The implication behind all this is that Hitler's days of overrunning the smaller nations by brutal intimidation are ended. He has been brought to a jolting and unexpected full stop in his quest for easy conquest of southeastern Europe. If he wishes to progress any further, he must fight, and it is conceivable, in view of his pronounced plans regarding the battle of the Atlantic, that a war front in the Balkans is the very last thing he desires. The reasons are crystal clear: it would entail the diversion of a not inconsiderable part of his Luftwaffe from their main field of operations—western Europe; it would

enable Britain to set up valuable air bases for attacks on vital industrial Nazi cities in the east; it would spell the final overthrow of Mussolini in Albania; it would offer splendid opportunities for wholesale sabotage by antagonistic Rumanians and Bulgarians; and even if his armies succeeded in making some progress in Yugo-Slavia, it would cost them heavily in men and materials, neither of which would Hitler find easy to replace.

War in the Balkans does not present a very healthy prospect for Germany.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Moustache Parade

Further extract from the diary of a journalist turned soldier.

IN this place, men are men. They have upper lips as spiky as cacti.

There are soldiers in this camp who have not kissed a woman since childhood, for fear of stabbing her through the cheeks with the waxed ends of their atletto-like moustachios.

There is a tale of a sergeant-major whose moustache, through thirty-five years of twisting and waxing, grew into a kind of horny substance with which, if enraged, he could rip people open.

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The man who told me about it is an old regular soldier. "He used to sleep with 'is old moustache in a little bag like a 'ammock," he said. He himself had been trying to raise a similar proof of virility for years, but the thin, sandy soil of his lip yielded nothing but fluff.

We had not been in our new camp twenty-four hours before the foreign recruit, whom we call Siberia was, as the say, "Stopped for his moustache."

He affected a row of bristles in the shape of an eyebrow, which the Lad from the Elephant and Castle described as "Nine 'airs and a nit."

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The Regimental Sergeant Major—a fatherly kind of man about whom the most insatiable grouser can find nothing to say—didn't know what to call it. He simply said: "Shave this morning."

Siberia replied: "Yes, sir." Then the R.S.M., shaking his head sadly, said:

"Do something about that moustache, son. Cut it off, or else grow it. Don't leave it hanging about as it is. It doesn't know whether it's coming or going."

Siberia said "Yes, sir," and a dark glint came into his little bright eyes. Later, he said:

"Cut it off or grow it, eh? Good."

So he went out and bought a tube of moustache-pomade, and paced the hut feeling his lip.

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Next morning, the Kid from Widnes made a vast commotion over his shaving. He lathered his pink face until he was hung with a kind of Father Christmas beard of white suds. But he left his upper lip unshaved.

He wet his safety-razor, grasped himself by the left ear, scraped off soap, and said "Aha!"

We looked at him. "Mmmmmmm!" he said. "There's nothing like a shave toiven a man up."

He contorted his face very hideously, and got rid of more suds.

Next day I'll try some of that brushless cream... . . . Maybe I'll get one o' them thur cut-throats... . . . You get a cleaner shave with one o' them thur cut-throats... . . . And a bottle o' that thur lotion to take away the burn... . . . Well, how does it look, Silence?"

"Smooth as an egg."

The Kid's face was, in fact, as smooth as an egg—a fried egg.

"How's me tash coming on?" he asked.

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"What, tash?" asked Old Silence, rather astonished.

At this point, Old Meanie, rushing in, said: "Widnes, lend us your razor."

"Wipe it when you've finished," said the Kid from Widnes, he hustled into the hut, borrowed a mirror from a Corporal, and examined his face; grabbed Siberia's tube of moustache-pomade, and plastered his upper lip with it.

"A tash should be trained," he said. "I'm going to grow a proper tash, a colonel's tash, all brushed up, like."

The Corporal said, "Mind you don't grow that tash too long, or it'll get in your gas-mask and suffocate you."

The Kid from Widnes looked grave.

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Then Old Meanie came back, and said, "Funny, ha?"

"What d'you mean, funny?" asked the Kid.

"That razor."

"You fuzzy git," said the Kid from Widnes. "If it's good enough for me, it's good enough for you."

"Yeah?" Well, it's got no blade in it!"

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WENDHAM ROBINSON

PARIS UNDER THE GERMANS

By Polly Peabody

The Parisians of to-day are prisoners of war under the vigilant watch of an army of gaolers. They can hardly call anything their own, and their enemy is the arbiter of their every action. But most enjoyed by all Hitler's followers are the Paris la France aux Allemands... luxuries for so long, who had not seen a well-furnished store for years, became inflicted with a buying craze which bordered on hysteria. Stocks of perfumes, silk stockings, silk underwear, furs, etc., have been almost entirely exhausted. Many shops, which are not allowed to close, remain open with empty counters and barren shelves.

The ingenious Parisians have found ways of escape from many unfamiliar difficulties which are now inflicted upon them. One of them is the problem of transportation. Taxis and buses no longer exist. Cycling or walking is the only substitute. As bicycles are few, it is not unusual to see a man pedalling hard with his wife in a little trailer behind.

With most of the shops empty and the German occupation mark still greatly mistrusted by the French, a system of barter has sprung up in Paris. A few eggs are exchanged for knitting wool, a few lumps of coal for a little oil, a piece of soap for almost anything. The acute shortage of food taxes the skill of the French cook, who, without the necessary ingredients, still feels he must save his reputation.

The writer of this article is a young American who has just reached London after many adventures in war-time Europe. She spent the last three months before her departure for England working in the American Red Cross Hospital in Paris.

Shortage Of Food

Food cards are issued and rations are growing smaller. There are long waiting lines in the streets outside the markets. Housewives often stand in the cold for hours, only to return home empty-handed. The iron discipline of the German army has made itself felt. Speed and efficiency have become the mode in Paris. French policemen were given long white gloves to direct the traffic in German style. In restaurants, French women. The galety has gone out of Paris, and the bitter cold and shortage of food add to the depression. A few night clubs are kept open specially for the Germans, and there they sit Nazi boots or peeling potatoes drinking bad champagne and watching the shadow of an executed lightning war grow darker and longer.

Sightseeing is one of the major pastimes for the army of occupation. They tour the town herded together in large trucks. Napoleon's tomb is the highlight of these expeditions. Another

big moment is the morning now look to the future with the parades over the whole length of the goose-stepping Nazis and British Empire, their Allies and their friends, will triumph, and music, the Parisians turn their heads to avoid looking at a picture which breaks their hearts. They are supposed to win over their allegiance, "Vive De Gaulle!"

A ray of light from a window in a black-out may bring a revolver bullet through one of the panes.

Yet the soul of Paris and of France still lives. The people

big moment is the morning now look to the future with the

overthrow of the hated Boche.

CANVAS
GOLF
SHOES

MATSUOKA TO CONFER WITH HIS ENVOYS

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, is scheduled to arrive here on Friday and will stay in Berlin until Sunday. The most important feature of his stay will be the conference he has called which will be attended by Japanese Ambassadors, Ministers and *Charge d'Affaires* in Europe, with the exception of the Ambassadors to Rome, London and Moscow.

Virtually all of these diplomats are now in Berlin, including the Ambassadors to Vichy and Ankara.

Leaves Rome

ROME, Apr. 3 (UP).—Mr Matsuoka entrained for Germany at the St Paul station on the outskirts of the city at 10 a.m. and was bidden farewell by Count Clano as well as Government and diplomatic officials.

Plane Abandoned

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Japanese spokesman indicated that Mr Shigenobu, the Japanese Ambassador, has abandoned his plans to meet Mr Matsuoka at Vichy because the latter's time-table makes it impossible.

Statement Resented

CANBERRA, Apr. 3 (UP).—Sir Frederick Stewart, Minister for External Affairs, in the House to-day, replying to Mr Matsuoka, declared: "If the statement that Japan will support the Axis under all circumstances is the official view of the Japanese Government, then a disservice has been done to any hopes for an understanding in the Pacific. Australia is resolved and is capable of defending herself."

U.S. DEFENCE BILL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Senate to-day sent the \$4,303,000,000 fifth supplemental defence appropriation bill to the White House. It includes funds to purchase 3,000 bombers, expand production facilities and equip an army of 4,000,000 men.

Japanese Release Lighters

Shanghai Incident

SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Just 24 hours after his detention, the Japanese naval authorities yesterday released seven lighters belonging to three foreign concerns, several native lighters and approximately 800 tons of general merchandise consigned by Chinese and foreign shippers to Hongkong, Rangoon and Calcutta by the British steamer, Helen Moller, according to the "North China Daily News."

It is understood that three of the seven foreign lighters belonged to British firms.

The release, it is reported, followed discussions between the Foreign Consuls concerned and competent Japanese authorities.

Quoting a Chinese source, the newspaper says that the Japanese acted on the assumption that the cargo involved was destined for Chungking.

Menzies In Belfast

Essence Of Living

BELFAST, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Declaring that "the tyranny of a man over Italian and German minds is one of the saddest things in history," Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, in a speech here, gave as an instance Libya which he described as "one of the most miserable and worthless desert countries any man ever laid eyes on."

The Australians, who had cleared it, had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more. What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white," he added.

GLIDING

Chiang Encourages Sport To Improve Air Force

CHANGKING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—On the eve of the formation of the China National Gliders' Association, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek addressed a message to Mr Chen Li-fu, General Chang Chih-chung and General Chou Chih-jou, Vice Presidents, urging that positive efforts be made to promote gliding movement in order to lay a sound foundation for the future development of China's air force.

General Chiang pointed out that to exist and survive in the present-day world, air defence is of supreme importance to a country. Without air defence, there can be no national defence.

For the purpose of training a competent air force personnel, General Chiang urged that the gliders' movement in future should be not only the principal form of physical training in schools but also be positively promoted socially.

THEFT OF DAIRY Farm Dishes

Tam Chee, 29, carpenter, was fined \$150, in default three months' hard labour, by Mr G. T. Lowry of Central Magistrate this morning for larceny of fourteen dozen butter dishes, the property of the Dairy Farm, on February 2.

Mr Andrew was Complainant. Det-Sgt. W. Summers said that Defendant was arrested on information. Of all the dishes sold by Defendant, 138 were recovered.

Complainant stated that at the time of the theft Defendant was employed by the Dairy Farm at \$30 a month. The theft of dishes from the Dairy Farm had been occurring quite frequently lately and including the present case, about 80 dozen had been stolen.

BOMBER FUND RAFFLE

A preliminary draw for the purpose of allocating numbers to the prizes in the Monster Raffle in aid of the Bomber Fund, took place at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley, yesterday evening. Mr H. R. Forsyth and Mr S. T. Butlin officiated. The Hongkong War Effort Committee were represented by Mr S. E. Fisher and Mr A. W. Ingram. Mr B. Wylie and Mr F. P. Franklin attended on behalf of the South China Morning Post, Ltd.

The prizes number 404, and the prize list will now be printed in numerical order, with a space provided for winning numbers as drawn. Lists will be distributed to members of the public attending the big draw at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday, April 10.

Arrangements are being made for the display of numbers as drawn, and the draw will take place in the main ground floor lounge, commencing at 2 p.m.



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CHINA WAR

Japanese Base At Nanchang Menaced

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central News).—After having mopped up the remnant Japanese units in the Kaoan-Fengtien area in northern Kiangsi, Chinese columns are giving hot chase to the Japanese fleeing eastward. The vanguard of Chinese troops are preparing to launch an assault on Nanchang.

The Japanese advance inland from Lukfung in south Kiangtung has been effectively checked. A Japanese unit driving northward from Kungping to Salkang on March 31 was beaten back with severe losses. Another Japanese detachment attacking Poklo east of Lukfung is now engaged by the Chinese.

In northern Kiangsu, the Japanese at Hwaihien on the Grand Canal recently made repeated attacks on Chowchihchuan, south-east of the city but failed in their drives.

More than 100 casualties were inflicted upon a Japanese detachment attacking Wangchou south of Kaomi in Chingding, southern Kiangsu, following a severe clash with the Chinese, who also captured numerous arms including rifles and machine-guns.

Along Yangtse

SOUTH ANHWEI, Apr. 3 (Central News).—The Japanese counter-attack in the Pengtseh area on the south bank of the Yangtse in north-east Kiangsi launched at the end of last month has been repulsed with losses.

Under cover of a heavy artillery bombardment on the morning of March 30, some enemy activity round the British coast was reported to-day but few hostile aircraft flew inland.

Little damage was done and there were no casualties when aircraft dropped bombs near a town on the south-east coast.

Shortly afterwards, an enemy was shot into the sea by fighters.

An enemy bomber attempting to attack shipping off the south-west coast was also shot down.

One of our fighters is missing, states the Air Ministry.

London had no alert up to a late hour to-night but enemy aircraft were believed to be over several parts of the country soon after dark, including south-west country areas and a town in South Wales.

Night Attacks

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—At 10 o'clock to-night night raiders were reported over several districts including southwest and west England and south Wales.

ILLEGAL MINING

For Wolfram Ore

Pleading guilty to illegal mining in Shing Mun Mines, Wu Lule, 29, Chan Lap, 35, and Cheung Chiu, 31, all unemployed, were each fined \$25 in default of three weeks hard labour by Mr S. F. Balfour at District Office, South, Court this morning.

First Defendant was further charged with having unmanifested cargo on board the same launch, without the consent of the owner or master. Sub-Inspector MacMahon said that at 10 p.m. yesterday he and two Revenue officers boarded the Kwong Sing in Cheung Chau harbour and found the bales of empty gunny bags, comprising 1,042 pieces, on board.

Serious Offence

First Defendant pleaded guilty to the two charges. Fining him \$1,000 on the first charge, his Worship said the offence was a serious one. A conviction against him on the second charge was registered.

Second and third Defendant were discharged with a caution.

The gunny bags were ordered to be confiscated.

Dutch To Visit Australia

BATAVIA, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr E. N. van Kleffens, and the Minister for the Colonies, Dr I. J. M. Welter, have accepted the invitation of the Australian Government to visit Australia, the Batavia radio announces.

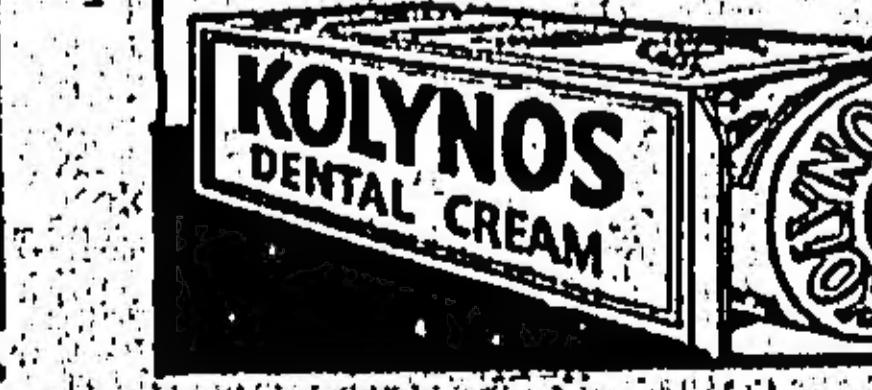
Both arrived at Honolulu yesterday. They are flying to Manila and are expected in the Dutch East Indies on April 16.

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EIREAN SHIPS ATTACKED

By Nazi Planes

DUBLIN, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Eire had suffered from the Nazi attacks on shipping. Mr Eamon de Valera revealed in the Dail to-day.

During the last four weeks, he stated, one Irish vessel had been sunk and three others attacked. In all cases, the aircraft were identified as German and the Eire Charge d'Affaires in Berlin had been instructed to protest and demand compensation.

Asked if he would make immediate and urgent representations to the United States to remove restrictions on United States shipping to Eire, Mr de Valera replied that such representations were made in the early stage of the war unsuccessfully.

They had made offers to purchase United States vessels and had asked the United States authorities to facilitate them in obtaining the necessary licences.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Three New Track Records At Extra Meeting

Peter Wei Registers Four Wins: Eric Moller Most Successful Owner: United Express Fails

RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY last Saturday was excellent and so was the riding of Mr Peter Wei, who piloted four ponies to victory, registering at the same time a "hat trick" on Vanity Fair, Velvetlight and Moonlight. The jockey had to exert pressure on the first two geegees, but the trip on Moonlight was an armchair ride.

A feature of the Second Extra Meeting was the failure of Distant View and United Express in the major handicap event, and there were three new track records at the new scale of weights.

The invincible Sapper carry, 159 lb, won the Broken Hill Handicap in easy fashion over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, in one minute 53 seconds, and Mrs A. E. Grasett's pony lowered Happy Returns' figure by nine two-fifths seconds.

Vanity Fair (159 lb.) annexed the Hobart Handicap (first section) for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs in one minute 18 seconds, cutting Distant View's time by two two-fifths seconds.

Velvetlight (159 lb.) captured the Canton Handicap (first section) confined to "B" class China ponies over six furlongs in one minute 22 1/2 seconds, silencing Oolong's record at the Annual Carnival by one two-fifths seconds.

Luckily the above three fastest runs were performed prior to the tumbling down of heavy clouds, but the rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of the followers of the turf.

Successful Owner

THE most successful owner was Mr Eric Moller of Shanghai who ran away with the first Stewards' Cup presented by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, the Canton Handicap (first section) and the Hobart Handicap (second section).

The shipping magnate's three candidates gained a "small fortune" to a total of \$2,000 plus the handsome silver trophy, and this will, of course, be added to Mr Moller's already fine collection of silver cups.

Though there was no "three figure" dividends, one could hardly say that spotting the winners at last Saturday's racing was easy, and I think the difficulty was on account of the merging of the new and old runners for the first time in the handicap events.

It may be of interest to note that the first three placed runners in the Canton Handicap (first section) for "B" class China ponies were the youngsters of this year, while in the Hobart Handicap (second section) for Australian "B" racers the first two belonged to the class of sub-ponies of the current season.

More Easter Races

PUNTERS will be glad to know that there are 12 races (instead of the usual 10 events) in each day at the Easter session, and it looks to me a complicated programme.

Ponies that are entered for sprint events (confined to both classes of Australian ponies of this season) are barred from entering for distance runs and vice versa.

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Championship Badminton Games To-night

The following are the Badminton Championship matches at the Club de Recreio to-night:

- 8 p.m. P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).
- 8.30 p.m. A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (Junior Singles).
- 9 p.m. C. Y. Yung and F. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chow (Senior Doubles).

LEE THEATRE



COMING SOON!

Six Events For Macao April Meeting

Basketball Charity Games

Macao Teams To Play South China To-morrow

TWO STARRY basketball games, in aid of charity, have been carded for to-morrow afternoon in the open air gymnasium at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, when a visiting girl's and men's cage quintette from Macao will clash in exhibition encounters with the two champion South China A.A. teams.

Tournament Tennis

TSUI WAI-PIU BEATS K. H. YIP IN STRAIGHT SETS

THOUGH great things were expected of K. H. Yip in yesterday's Open Singles tennis match against Tsui Wai-piu, the latter was the man on the court and dictated play.

Yip, champion of South China A.A., was the most promising of the players this year, and though reliable with his ground shots his overhead work and his service are still in need of improvement.

Tsui led in both sets 5-2, and in both permitted Yip to draw up to 4-5 before going out 6-4 in each case. He seems to have regained command of his shots and is a different player to him who was beaten by S. A. Rumjahn in the final last year.

Volleying duels were brisk and in these Yip showed a steadiness on the backhand that was one of his greatest assets. Both players drove deep and accurately, and their baseline rallies were spectacular to watch.

The Match

D.B.S. Defeat H.M.S. Tamar By 94 Runs

Tsui took the first game, and though Yip won the second and third Tsui won four games in a row to lead 5-2. At this stage he led 40-15 and though with two set points, lost the game in the face of excellent opposition from Yip.

He took the 10th game and the set. The second set was similar to the first in the trend of scoring. But in this 10th game, Yip led 40-30 when he served his first double fault of the match.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets to the stands are for the Bomber Fund.

Results:

- Colony singles—Tsui Wai-piu beat K. H. Yip 6-4.
- H. M. S. Tamar doubles—F. W. Carter and J. N. Thompson beat H. E. Gutter and B. C. Fay 6-2, 6-0.
- H. M. S. Tamar beat D. S. D. Hobb and G. W. Bishop 6-2, 6-3.
- Club mixed doubles—V. R. Gordon and Mrs D. B. Sinclair beat Mr. and Mrs. D. Prophet 6-3, 6-0.

Scores were:

D.B.S.—18 (A. J. Hulse 58, G. A. Goodban 32, J. Macaulay 18, Douglas 2 for 18).

H.M.S. Tamar—54 (Hogan 14, Whiteside 12, Hulse 6 for 24, Ibrahim 4 for 22).

Mr. Gillion's Fairy Auk has not been running too well lately, but with a pull of lead the grey should be able to put up a good fight on Sunday.

My choice is Mr Liang's Meadow Eve with Victory Life to follow.

Special Dollar Sweep On Lung Chen Handicap

A NICE PROGRAMME of six interesting events has been framed by the Macao Jockey Club for their April Meeting to be held at Areia Preta on Sunday.

A special dollar cash sweep of 50,000 tickets is being conducted on the Lung Chen Handicap confined to "Y" class China ponies, and the run is over the mile.

The curtain raiser will be the Chinshan Handicap (first section for "E" class China ponies over six furlongs. On paper Piet Helm with Mr "Pinky" Botelho in the saddle should win, but be careful with Dow-Jones who is a great fighter. National Success, if sound, is dangerous.

The second section of the Chinshan Handicap should provide a good finish. Though Radium Star has been whispered as the best, I am afraid of Sports Venture with a pull of 7 lb, and Gallant Marshal is also totally weighted.

Plain View must not be overlooked, for the black is a good race in Fanning on February 2, and paid \$73.20 for a win.

In the third section of the Chinshan Handicap, Mac's Adventure looks a good thing, with National Anthem and Cuban Love to follow in the rear.

The Best Event

THE best event of the meeting will be seen in the Lingnan Handicap for "D" class China ponies over five furlongs, and my best three are Lovely Star, Blue Field and Night Express.

I hear that the last named may not make the trip, and if the report is true, Sylphonade should fill the third position in the frame.

Meadow Eve Favoured

FAIRY OUSEL is at the head of the ladder with weight in the Lingnan Handicap for "Y" class China ponies, and this is surely a stiff proposition for Mr. Jack Braga's candidate.

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Novices Race

THE Shekki Plate for "A" class China ponies will be ridden by novices, and it is not a handicap event. The Mermaid, Eagle and The Spirit of St Louis should cross the wire in the order I have named.

Final Selections

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Dow-Jones

Piet Helm

Beddon

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Sports Venture

Radium Star

Plain View

CHINSHAN HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION)

Mac's Adventure

National Anthem

Cuban Love

LINGNAN HANDICAP

Lovely Star

Blue Field

Night Express

LUNG CHEN HANDICAP

Meadow Eve

Victory Life

Fairy Auk

SHEKKI PLATE

The Mermaid

Eagle

The Spirit of St Louis

Police XI To Meet

Club de Recreio

HOCKEY

HOCKEY in aid of the Bomber Fund will be played at the Police ground, Boundary Street, on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. when the Police meet the Club de Recreio in a Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament match.

Neither team has yet been beaten, and the outcome of the game will have a great bearing on the ultimate championship.

The Police team has been selected and will be as follows:

Gough (capt.); Hayward, Leslie; Blackburn, Howlett, Parker; Brown, Narayan Singh, Man Singh, Jasbir Singh and Teja Singh.

Reserves, Wall and Rothwell.

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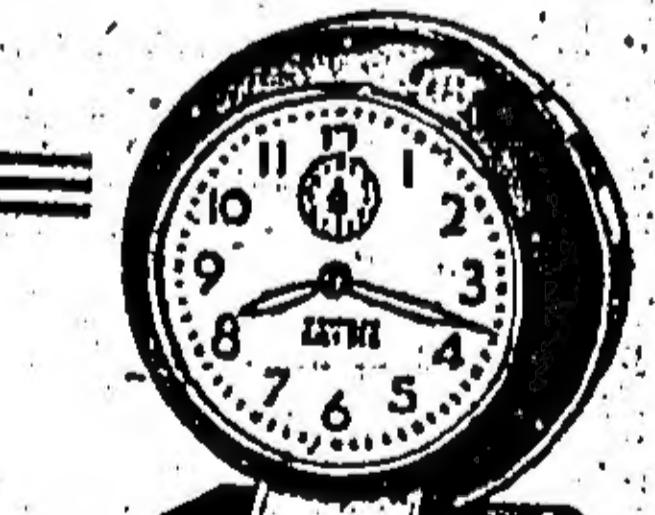


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**Agriculture
In Britain****Shortage Of Meat**

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wireless)—The Minister of Agriculture said in the House of Commons to-day that since 1914 the amount of arable land under crops had actually decreased by 4,500,000 acres. For every thousand acres of cultivated land in the last war, there were 1,105 human beings to be fed and the figure was now 1,524.

Between the outbreak of the last war and this war, the production of fodder and roots crops for live stock had fallen by no less than one third.

With regard to future policy, the Minister said that there was bound to be a meat shortage. The shortage of imported meat would continue for several months and British agriculture would have to step into the breach to make good the shortage to maintain the meat ration of the people.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in the debate, said that in this grave hour, the life of the nation depended on agriculture. We were rejoicing in stories of the most brilliant victories on land, at sea and in the air that have ever illuminated the military annals of this country. They dazzled our eyes but we must take care that they did not blind them.

Strikes Serious

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP)—The Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson, to-day asserted that the strikes are "seriously holding back" deliveries of army equipment, but he warned interested parties not to mistake Uncle Sam's patience for weakness.

**Release of Many Aliens
In Britain and Empire**

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—Half of the 27,000 enemy aliens detained in Britain and the Dominions have obtained their freedom under the White Paper publishing the categories of those eligible for release.

The latest figures of releases is 13,500, of whom approximately 1,300 are Italians and the remainder Germans and Austrians.

Six thousand of those detained went to Australia and Canada, and some hundreds of these also will now enjoy their liberty.

Between 8,000 and 9,000 enemy aliens are still interned in Britain and 5,000 overseas.

Nearly 2,000 were freed to enable them to enlist in the Pioneer Corps.

German Socialists

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—German socialist organisations in Britain have banded together "to fight Hitler and his Allies with all the means at our disposal" according to a joint declaration issued to-day.

The declaration says: "German socialists in Britain are united in the conviction that the military defeat and overthrow of the Hitler regime, the final subjugation of German

**New Ambassadorship
For Dr Koo?**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP)—It is reliably reported that Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Vichy, will succeed Mr. Quo Tui-chi as Ambassador to London.

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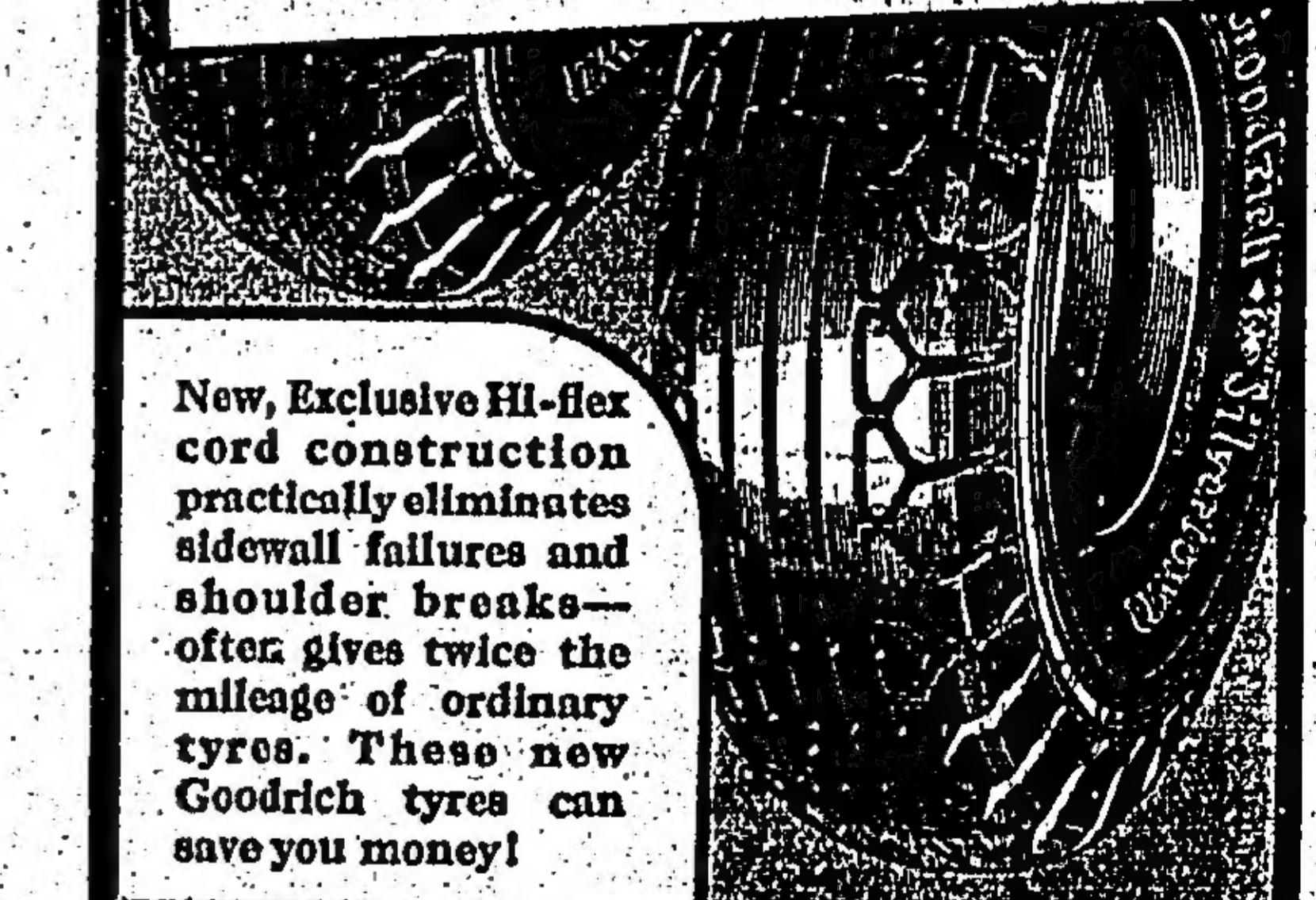
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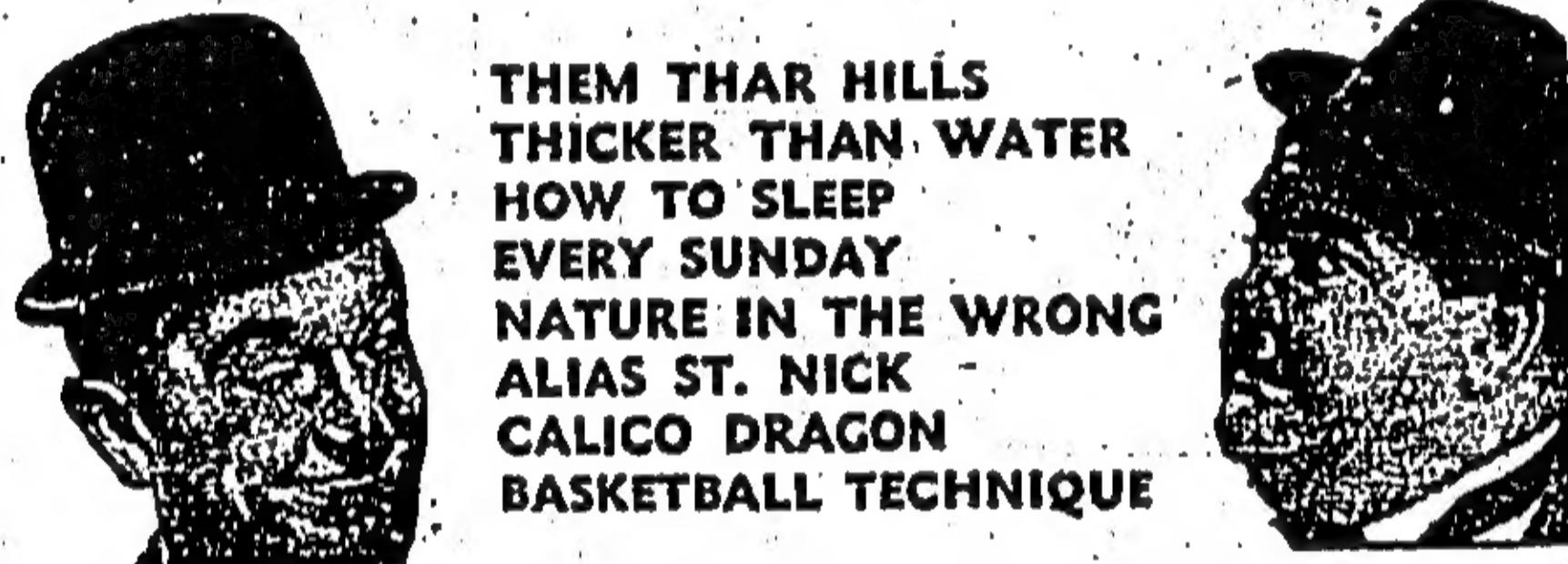
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**Budapest Situation
Is Tense**

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pressure on Hungary to break with
Yugo-Slavia.

One of Count Teleki's proudest
successes was his agreement with
Yugo-Slavia, removing the causes of
political friction between the two
countries and establishing a basis of
peaceful collaboration in mutual con-
sideration and economic understanding.

Friendship With Yugo-Slavia

Germany evidently cannot tolerate
friendship between her vassal, Hun-
gary, and independent, spirited Yugo-
Slavia and Count Teleki, who had
shown courage and conscientiousness
in administration, felt the struggle
between his principles and German
pressure more than he could face.
He has taken the way out that seemed
to him easier.

There are many politicians in
Budapest who might be willing tools
of Germany but Admiral Horthy is
also a man of independent mould and
his choice of a successor to Count
Teleki may delay, if it does not circum-
vent, the German plans.

Attitude of Bulgars

Bulgarians, who also were very
delighted with their pact of perpetual
friendship with Yugo-Slavia are
similarly being dragged into opposi-
tion. The Bulgarian-Serbian rappro-
chement was a very real thing and
had greatly contributed to the pacifi-
cation of the Balkans.

The Germans will not find it easy
to poison the relations between the
two peoples even if they drive the
Bulgarians into an appearance of
open enmity.

**Axis May Attempt
Lybian Offensive**

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where the impression had become
widespread during the last few days
that the operations at Alghelliya and
Agedabia were of a local minor
character.

The wording of the Cairo an-
nouncement is interpreted to mean
there has been no battle since Ben-
haz was evacuated prior to the ar-
rival of the Axis troops. It is pointed
out that in desert warfare, the im-
portant factor is the loss of men and
materials rather than the local loss
of territory. The British did not
suffer any material losses although
they shattered General Graziani's
army in the original offensive.

**"Thief Of Bagdad"
For Oriental**

In keeping with their confirmed
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Theatre are putting on the "Thief of
Bagdad" for a short season starting
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When roadshow at the King's
Theatre a short time ago the "Thief of
Bagdad" drew capacity houses at
every performance. In Bombay,
Colombo, Singapore and Macao, all
attendance records were broken. In
Shanghai, it ran for 15 days at the
Metropole Theatre and 25 days at the
Metropole Theatre at advance prices
the receipts for the run was \$336,656
which is nearly \$100,000, more than
the previous record for "Gone with
the Wind."

Vic Hugo, manager of the Oriental
Theatre has just concluded negotia-
tions with Mr Joe C. Goltz, Far Eastern
representative for the United
Artists Corporation for the rights to
show this picture at the Oriental
Theatre at popular prices and this
will be the first time "Thief of Bagdad"
has been shown at less than road-
show prices. Mr Hugo, following out
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LATE NEWS

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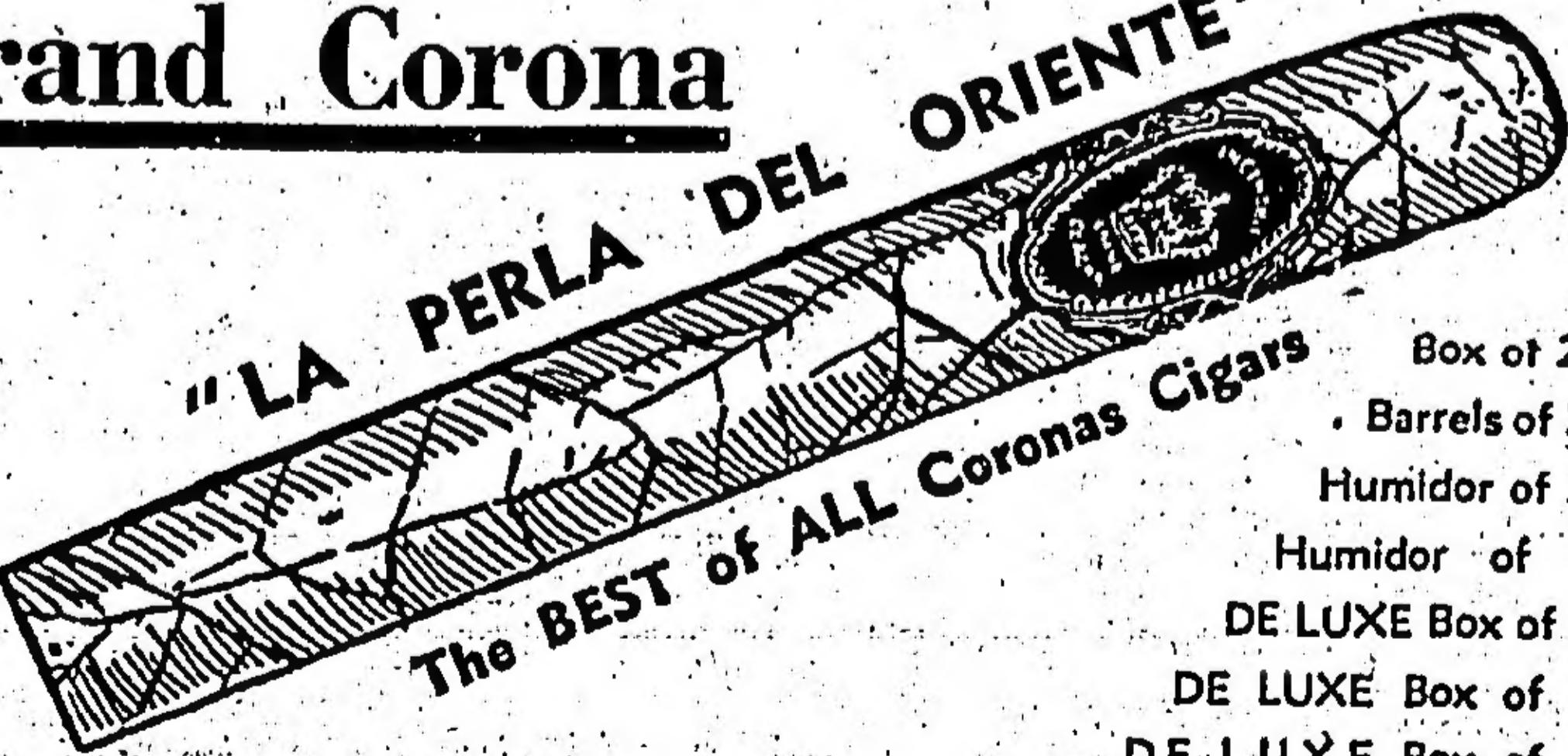
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**Belgrade Prepares
For Air Raids**

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check, has accepted the Vice-
Premiership in the new Yugo-Slav
Government. It is officially announced.

Dr Matchek is leaving Zagreb for
Belgrade where he will join the
Simovitch Cabinet as Vice-Premier,
confident that every effort will be
made to preserve peace.

In an interview, he said: "I con-
sider it my duty to do all I can to
maintain peace—the supreme benefit
of humanity—and I have a profound
conviction that the present leaders
of Serbia and the people of Serbia
are as sincerely for peace as I am."

Colony Population

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hollow concrete blocks, four feet in
height, which could, if necessary, be
built up, between every three veran-
dale pillars. These walls would be
spaced out, so that no inconvenience
will be caused to house-holders.

An experiment in this form of
shelter had already been tried out in
Lockhart Road, and the Department
was awaiting Government's opinion
regarding them.

No date has yet been fixed for the
next black-out practice, which the
Department hopes to hold in the mid-
dle of this month. Government ap-
proval had not yet been obtained.

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